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Revenge rockets fall on Galilee village

Israel promises all-out reprisals for death of girl

BY RICHARD BEESTON AND ALI JABER

ISRAEL was poised yesterday to launch an all-out attack on Hezbollah strongholds in southern Lebanon, after a rocket killed the first Israeli civilian near the Lebanon border for more than a decade.

The victim, a girl of five, died when a Katyusha rocket hit her home in the western Galilee farming community of Granot Hagalil. Three members of her family were also wounded. The Hezbollah party has, however, denied

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responsibility for the attack. The incident took place only hours after the six-day spate of intense fighting appeared to be drawing to a close with the withdrawal of Israeli forces from two Shia Muslim villages in southern The attacks and





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reprisals had been prompted by Israel's assassination of Sheikh Abbas Moussawi, the Hezbollah leader, last Sunday.

After the 14-rocket salvo yesterday afternoon, a spokesman for the office of Yirzhak Shamir, the Israeli prime minister, predicted that the Israel Defence Force would eliminate "terror activities and the terrorists". Faris Boueiz, the Lebanese foreign minister, said yesterday that Israel's assault on Lebanese territory on Thursday was intended to force Beirut to withdraw from the Middle East peace talks, which are due to resume in Washington on Monday.

Israeli gunners retaliated against yesterday's rocket attack with a heavy bombard-ment of Hezbollah guerrillas in the adjacent villages of southern Lebanon. But Sheikh Muhammad Hussein Fadialiah, Hezboliah's mentor, said the party had not fired rockets towards Israel during five of the past six "The Muslim mujahedin only fired rockets dur-ing the confrontations of Thursday," he said.

His remarks coincided with reports in Beirut that Palestinian guerrillas loyal to Ahmed Jibril, the leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine — General Command, were responsible for the rocket attacks. Mr nounced full mobilisation of his units to help the Lebanese Muslim fundamentalists against Israel.

Another statement by the Abu Nidal group - the Patah Revolutionary Council — also said that its facilities would be made available to Hezbollah. However, Nabih Berri, the leader of the mainstream Shia Amal movement, which opposes Palestinian involvement in the conflict in the south, appealed for an end to "the rocket attacks against

the Jewish state". Lebanese military sources raised doubts yesterday about whether Israeli troops had completely withdrawn from the Shia villages of Yatar and Kafra, which they seized on Thursday. "They redeployed

their tanks and troops in the hills overlooking the villages so they can check any guerrilla movements below," a mili-tary spokesman said. He also said Israel had massed troops and armour facing the town of Nabatiyeh, 30 miles south

of Beirut.
General Yitzhak Morde-chai, the head of Israel's northern command, made clear his government's attiwhen he inspected the bomb site. "Israel will not tolerate firing into its territory and will choose the time and place in order to hit the terrorists." However, Uri Or, the retired general who was his predecessor in the 1980s. said that there was little Israel could do to halt the Katyusha strikes. "It is impossible to

guarantee that the firing will stop beyond the security zone and Israel, as long as we are not physically sitting in the field," he said. "It is difficult to locate Katyushas. You can come from Beirut to south Lebanon with mobile Karyushas on the roof of vehicles. stop for a moment, shoot a few rockets and return to

The problem of locating and destroying the Katyusha rockets launch sites was highlighted on Thursday when two Israeli soldiers were killed and three others were wounded when they stormed the Shia villages in southern Lebanon in an operation com-Jibril, who receives strong anon in an operation com-support from Syria, had an amanded by General Elmo Barak, the Israeli chief of statt. Seven Lebanese s las and two Lebanese civilians

also died in the fighting. Although there was only a muted response from political leaders to yesterday's attack on Israel, there is little doubt government circles that Mr Shamir has no option but to respond harshly, particu-larly as he has focused his present election campaign on a promise to give Israel peace

He will be under particular scrutiny in the coming weeks, since his chief opponent is Yitzhak Rabin, the newly elected leader of the Labour party, who is also known for his tough handling of security Continued on page 16, col 1

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Tories under pressure to revive the economy

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE government came under renewed pressure to revive the economy last night after Neil Kinnock demanded an immediate cut in interest rates and the Confederation of British Industry reported little prospect of an end to the

recession in four months. The Labour leader's call, in speech in which he accused tax-cutting ministers of ap-proaching the election with the "economics of embezzlement", marked a significant shift in Opposition tactics in attacking the government's handling of the economy.

John Major stood by his assertion that in a recession it was right for the government to borrow to make room for

tax reductions. He shrugged off the morning poll showing Labour four points ahead.

On a tour of the East Midlands, Mr Major said: "At a time when the economy is slowing down, it is the right economic judgment to let bor-rowing grow rather than

making artificial and panic changes in expenditure."

Mr Major also came under fire from the Thatcherite wing of the party. Cecil Parkinson, the former Tory party chairman, warned the cabinet against relaxing too far its financial control.

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Downing Street had never seen anything quite like it. A piano, 20 ft square stage and six members of the English National Ballet were installed in the state drawing room for an exclusive performance before the Chancellor and his guests (Aliperformed excerpts from Swan Lake and Don Quixote and the evening raised £20,000 for the ballet's funds. Rosemary Lamont. a supporter of the company, said it was the nicest thing I have had happen since I have been here". Norman

tally terrific". Mr and Mrs Lamont are seen after the performance with two of the dancers, Maurizio Bellezza and Renata Calderini. Ballerinas limbered up on the landing bouquets appeared from the wings

telephone call giving instruc-

E175,000 ransom money. Police also asked viewers

who thought they recognised

the man whether he had ac-

cess to a warehouse or work-

shop and the use of a ten or

twelve-year-old red Metro.

Miss Slater was taken home

Among the calls were one

from a prison officer claiming

that the voice on the record-

ing was that of an inmate

released last year, one from a

former prisoner who believed

that he had served time with

man in the 1960s, and one

from someone who thought

that he may have worked with

in such a car.

Among the 60 guests were Sir John Quinton, chairman of Barclays Bank and Michael Newmarch, chief executive of the Prudential. A spokesman for the Treasury said: "It was a brief diversion before

State cash aid to win **Olympics**

By Sheila Gunn AND JOHN GOODBODY

JOHN Major will next week ernment backing for Man-chester's bid to stage the Olympic Games in 2000.

The prime minister is preparing to announce a package of support on Wednesday after meeting Bob Scott. chairman of Manchester's application committee, and other officials at Downing Street. The package, which could total more than E300 million in grants and loans, will help the city to revive derelict sites and build new roads, sports facilities and an

Olympic village. For Mr Major, one of the scheme's appeals is understood to be an 80,000-seat football stadium that would be used by Manchester City.

Manchester lost to Atlanta in the competition to stage the 1996 Olympics. But since Britain has nor hosted the games since 1948 and London has dropped out, the city is thought to stand a better chance in the next round, to be decided in September next year.

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Scott: meeting prime minister next week

Man held in hunt for Stephanie kidnapper

DETECTIVES investigating the kidnapping of Stephanie Slater and the murder of Julie Dart were questioning a man last night. Police arrested him at Newark in Nottinghamshire after receiving calls prompted by a recording of the kidnapper's voice broad-cast on the BBC's

Crimewatch programme. Sources in Newark said that the man lives eight miles away at Sutton-on-Trent. Police were at his house last night. The man is understood to be a middleaged craftsman. Police were arranging to transfer him to Birmingham, where the hunt for Stephanie Slater's kidnapper has been co-ordinated.

After the arrest, police sealed off the Swan and Salmon yard, the site of a former public house in the centre of Newark. A railway line runs only 200 yards from the site, which houses a sprinkling of small businesses including a workshop to which officers were said to be paying particular attention.

Police have been trying to identify the location where Miss Slater was held prisoner in a box for eight days. They believe that she was kept in a

By PETER DAVENPORT warehouse, engineering shed, minute recording of his

brickworks or a railway depot. Miss Slater, a tions for the delivery of the Birmingham estate agent, has told detectives that she could hear trains and heavy vehicle movements twice a day. She occasionally heard voices nearby, but decided against shouting for help in case it should anger her kidnapper and further endanger

The enquiry is being led by Tom Cook, assistant chief constable of West Yorkshire police, who is also investigating the kidnapping and mur-der of Julie Dart last July. Miss Dart, aged 18, was abducted in Leeds and her body was subsequently dumpedunder a tree in a field near Grantham in Lincolnshire.

Yesterday afternoon, police said: "A man has been arrested and is being interviewed in connection with the Stephanie Slater kidnapping. He is being questioned in

The call that led to the arrest was one of about 1,200 that resulted from the BBC's Crimewatch programme on Thursday, which showed the artist's impression of the kidnapper and played a three-

Lilley in power dispute

PETER Lilley, the trade secretary, yesterday entered the dispute between Labour and the electricity generating company PowerGen (Nicho-

las Wood writes). Mr Lilley said a "gaffe" by Frank Dobson, Labour's energy spokesman, showed that Labour put political interfer-

ence before commercial reality and was "committed to massive state intervention". Mr Dobson said on television that a Labour government would appoint new directors to the generating companies' boards to make them follow Labour policies and buy British coal in the way they now followed govern-ment policies. Sir Graham Day, the chairman of Power-Gen, said the government had no powers to influence the company and demanded that Mr Dobson withdraw his threat. Labour called Mr Lilley's claims nonsense.

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Credit card fees go up Barclays and National

Westminster have confirmed that, to combat rising costs, they are increasing the fees they charge retailers for processing all credit card

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The British Retail Consortium said it was amazed at the decision and would have to pass the rise on to customers. The Bardays' increase will cost retailers

BCCI deal

The liquidator of the collapsed Bank of Credit and Commerce International has approved a compensation plan worth £2.28 billion with the government of Abu Dhabi.......... Page 18

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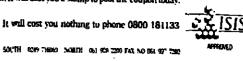
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The compleat angler goes for an easy catch

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

A NEW generation of anglers may no longer stretch the truth along with their arms when they describe the one that got away. And fish they do land could be every bit as big as the the monsters of fishing lore. For unscrupulous trout fishery owners are stocking ponds with piscine Arnold Schwarzeneggers that promise an easy catch and instant entry

into the record books.

Trout and Atlantic salmon have been reared to sizes far above the records for wild fish, and concern is growing that a few fishery managers stocking their waters with such giants could make a

mockery of genuine angling feats. Now the subject is to be tackled by the Association of Stillwater Game Fishery Managers, which represents 150 or so landowners and corporate bodies, including the water authorities. The assotoday at Packington Hall. near Coventry, and the debate is likely to be heated. John Parkman, the chairman, said: There is evidence that the League Against Cruel Sports and the animal liberation people are turning their attention to us. We could be vulnerable unless we are seen to be abiding by the highest ethical standards.

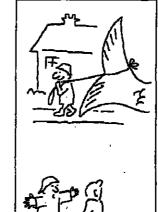
The cost of maintaining and restock-ing still water fisheries is high and the temptation is to go for easy publicity by stuffing great big fish into very small ponds and having them immediately whipped out again by people invited there for the specific purpose of catching them.

These bloated parodies of wild salmon or brown trout can cost several hun-dred pounds to rear. The economics of the thing dictates that they are put into the very smallest ponds to ensure that they will be caught. The whole exercise

ciation holds its annual conference is desperately artificial." Last year a 19lb wild brown trout caught in 1978 in Loeh Quoich was displaced in the record books by a 20lb pellet-fed giant caught a few hours after it had been transferred from a fish farm.

Mr Parkman admits that the credibility of rod-caught records started to be eroded more than ten years ago when some lakes were stocked with extralarge rainbow trout, which is farm-bred because it cannot reproduce naturally in British conditions.

But he says native species are a differ-ent kettle of fish. Transferring salmon from farms to small lowland ponds. as some fishery owners did last year, was beyond the pale. "These were brood fish that had reached the end of their useful farm lives and were simply chucked into these ponds when they were already close to death to give a spurious mo-ment of glory to the so-called anglers



Thatcher gives silent support as rebels push for EC referendum



Thatcher: says public should be consulted

MARGARET Thatcher yes-terday revived the split within the Conservative party over Europe by backing rebel Tories demanding a referendum on the Maastricht deal.

Although she did not speak, her presence during a Commons debate on a Tory backbench bill calling for a referendum was seen as tacit support for the move. During the debate following the outcome of the Maastricht summit last December Mrs Thatcher said the public needed to be consulted on the move towards a single cur-rency and she is still believed to have serious reservations about the deal. The referendum bill, sponsored by Richard Shepherd, Tory MP for Aldridge-Brownhills, fell when a motion to end the debate failed to get the requisite 100 MPs voting in favour of it. The "closure" motion was carried by 46 votes to three.

Parliament will be asked to approve the summit deal after the general election but John Major, the prime min-ister, and Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, have opposed putting the issue to a national vote. Downing Street yesterday emphasised that Mr Major was strongly against a referendum. A spokesman said the Maastricht deal had been settled and debated at length. Most

Margaret Thatcher and Dennis Skinner have proved unlikely, if unsuccessful, allies in the fight for a national vote on the outcome of the Maastricht summit, Jill Sherman and Robert Morgan report

Echoing the warning last

year by Nicholas Ridley, the

former trade and industry

minister who lost his job after

claiming political union was

"a German racket designed

to take over the whole of Europe". Mr Skinner said:

We fought six years against it in the second world war

and what the people in here

[the House] will do if they

allow this political union to

MPs considered Mr Major had secured a good settlement, he said. "There is no imention of there being a referendum on Maastricht."

During a one-sided debate in which Euro rebels were given the opportunity to attack the EC. Dennis Skinner, Labour MP for Bolsover. said that political union spelt the domination of Europe by Germany.

take place is to allow the drawal from the exchange Germans to win when they lost in 1945."

Moving the second reading of his bill, Mr Shepherd said the Maastricht agreement provided for "a signficant transfer of power from this country". It would hinder "the ability of this House to regulate the affairs of our people". Tristan Garel-Jones, a For-

eign Office minister, said a referendum would be an abdication of the responsibility of the House of Commons and the government.

Tory anti-Europeans nevertheless tried to exploit the division in the party by demanding Britain's with-

rate mechanism. The Conservative European Reform Group yesterday published a paper warning of the dangers of fixing an artificial level for currency, saying: What we must do is to work for a situation when the pound could again be permitted to find its own value." Sir Teddy Taylor, the group secretary, said: "As far as the exchange mechanism is concerned we could withdraw

tomorrow." The paper urges the prime minister to insist that the UK should not have to contribute to convergence cash to allow other member states to move to a single currency.



Skinner: fears German domination in Europe

Prime minister launches campaign in Scotland

Major seeks a united front

By Nicholas Wood and Sheila Gunn

JOHN Major will today deliver an impassioned defence of the ancient union between England and Scotland in an attempt to shore up the Conservatives party's crumbling support north of the border and to stem the slide to

The prime minister's speech to prospective Tory parliamentary candidates in Glasgow will mark the opening of a concerted cabinet campaign over the next few weeks to rescue the Tories from their standing as Scotland's third biggest party.
In a move underlining the

seriousness with which Mr Major views the independence campaign, nine cabi-net ministers will visit Scotland to warn voters that any attempt to set up an assembly or devolve power would fracture the union.

The Conservative counteroffensive comes against the background of opinion polls showing a surge in support for the Scottish nationalists. Between a third and a half of Scots want independence and both Labour and the Liberal Democrats are enthusiastically backing plans for a taxraising assembly in

Edinburgh.

Mr' Major fears that if he wins the election but suffers further losses among his dwindling band of nine MPs, out of a total of 72 in Scotland, pressure for constitutional change could become

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unstoppable. His advisers said yesterday that he was devoting considerable time and energy to a speech that would highlight the "passion and conviction" behind his belief that the continuation of the union is as much in England's interests as Scot-land's. He was said to believe that the future of the union transcends party politics and one aide said: "He believes

for the union." Growing numbers of Tory MPs, especially on the right of the party, have been arguing that the Conservatives should safeguard their Westminster majority by reducing the number of Scottish MPs and loosening their ties with

that his party is a unionist

party and that it should fight

Mr Major believes the

The Scottish National party

yesterday unveiled its pro-

posed budget covering in-

come tax and national

insurance in an independent

Scotland (Kerry Gill writes). The SNP said it would in-

troduce a basic rate of income

tax of 20p on the first £3,000

of taxable earnings after allowances. This would be

paid for by abolishing the

upper limit on national insur-

ance contributions on salaries

Publication of the figures

over £390 a week.

form of home rule has occ-urred because the Scots have been sold on the prize on ter's warnings. independence without being

told the price. His speech will highlight the costs in terms of lost subsidies and inward investment and higher taxes and unemployment. He will say that Britain's international standing would be diminished by a break-up of the United Kingdom and its seat on the United Nations security council could be

jeopardised.

Mr Major is expected to choose Scotland for the only overnight stop in his election campaign. Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary. Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, and Michael Heseltine, the environment

SNP issues budget was aimed at countering the Conservative claim that independence would mean higher taxation. Alex Salmond, the SNP leader, said that the vast majority of people would pay less and that there would be no overall rise in personal or business taxation.

Alex Neil, the SNP's shadow chancellor, said: "Only those on high incomes will be expected to contribute more by paying national insurance on the whole of their salary. just like everybody else."

secretary, are among the cabinet heavyweights preparing to reinforce the prime minis-

Ian Lang, the Scottish sec-retary, will try to fend off the case for devolution when the Commons grand committee on Scottish affairs holds a special sitting in Edinburgh on Monday to debate the

Tom King, the defence secretary, visited Aberdeen yesterday to warn Scottish voters that support for the Scottish nationalists' demands for independence would have a "catastrophic effect" on Britain's defences. "If the SNP ever had its way, at a stroke Scotland would be no better off on defence than, say Austria or Finland," he said.

The Scottish perspective on defence would be reduced from full participation through the union to nothing more than internal security and local defence. He added: Vote SNP and you ultimately say goodbye to the Rosyth base, RAF Lossiemouth and RAF Leuchars. What the SNP forgets is that all their lobbying for bases, units and factories only makes sense in the context of the union."

An independent Scotland would put at risk 45,000 jobs in the defence industries north of the border, he added. The damage to Scotland's defences from Labour and Liberal Democrat policies would be almost as bad.

Election footing: John Major shed his shoes yesterday to comply with Asian custom when he had tea with Selina Patel, aged nine, and her family at their home in Leicester while touring marginal constituencies in the city

Labour adds to poll tax woe

BY DOUGLAS BROOM, LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

use computer-records as evi-

LABOUR sought yesterday to capitalise on the Conservatives' continuing difficulties over the poll tax by claiming that every bill would include a government incompetence

surcharge" this year. Bryan Gould, shadow environment spokesman, said that Thursday's High Court ruling that councils could not

dence of non-payment would throw local government into turmoil. The debacle could have been avoided if the government had accepted Labour's offer to rush a short bill through parliament to give councils the right to rely on computer evidence. "The ruling has brought

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Anarchic spirit may beat circus collapse

By PETER VICTOR

SOMETHING new, outrageous and probably quite dangerous is expected to rise from the ashes of the anarchic and metallic mêlée that was Circus Archaos, the multinational troupe that collapsed this week.

Circus International, the British company behind Archaos, founded by the Frenchman Pierrot Pillot-Bidon, has gone into liquidation with losses running into hundreds of thousands of pounds. BATR its French counterpart. was expected last night to follow suit. Archaos had a chequered

career based to no small extend on astute PR marketing and media hysteria. Chainsaw juggling, one of the most frequently mentioned acts in its repertoire. was a relatively rare occurrence. But the stories guar-rise again, whatever he anteed an audience. The might do."

Archaos shows featured nudity, noise, stunts involving motor-cycles, cars, lorries, violence, danger and humour.

Despite frequent full houses, most recently in London before Christmas on a derelict site near Battersea bridge, the show suffered a number of disasters, according to Mark Burkowski, its press agent. A 60ft tent blew away before an appearance in Dublin and cost £60,000 to restore. Shows in the United States lost money.

At its height Archaos employed nearly 200 people, ran two circuses, a television company, a theatre set builder and a circus school. All may not be lost, however. Mr Burkowski predicted that the show's founder would be back with a vengeance: "Pierrot Bidon is a genius. He will home once again the incompetence of the government in refusing to close this loophole when we first warned them about it," he said. "Next year's bills will have a government incompetence surcharge as councils seek to recoup the money John Major's incompetence has stopped them collecting this

Mr Gould was speaking at a London press conference to launch a survey results which he said showed that Labour councils were taking tougher action against poll tax de-faulters than those controlled by the Tories.

The survey found that since the poll tax was introduced in April 1990 Labour councils had issued 3.3 million summonses and obtained 2.5 million court orders against defaulters. Over the same period Tory councils had issued 1.4 million summonses and obtained I million orders, while Liberal Democrat councils had issued 571,000 summonses and won 378,000 orders. Top of Labour's list was the London borough of Haringey which had issued 149.500

Mr Gould said: "Ministers are fond of blaming Labour councils for the high levels of non-payment. This survey nails that myth. If it were not for the heroic efforts of Labour councils local government finance would have collapsed long ago."

Michael Portillo, the local government minister, said that officials in Labour councils were having to take action because their own councillors had urged people not to pay the community charge.

Meanwhile Portsmouth city council yesterday adjourned the cases of 17,104 people who have been summonsed for non-payment after legal advice following the High Court ruling on

£11,700 for mother of crash man

A mother who still mourns a son killed in a road accident more than six years was yesterday awarded £11,764 damages by the High Court. It was later disclosed that she had rejected an offer of £25,000 to settle out of court. Jay Calascione, aged 54, of Battle, East Sussex, now faces having to pay part of the costs of her damages action because the award is less than the sum offered earlier. She is expected to end up with only

Mrs Calascione sued over the death of her son Simon, aged 20, just before Christmas 1985 when a car driver crashed into his motorcycle on a blind bend. The motorist was later fined £250 for careless driving. The court heard that one of the main causes of her anger and grief was that he had not been banned from driving.

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The damages awarded against the driver's insurers included E5,000 for the "post traumatic stress disorder" that Mrs Calascione suffered as a result of the death. Mr Justice Frenchjudge rejected her claim for extra compensation for the "pathological grief reaction" that she is said to continue to suffer.

Mrs Calascione said afterwards: "Do you recall the finding for Sara Keays — £105,000 for reputation — and for adiffe, not a penny. It's not stopping here. I propose to appeal. I will take it to the

Sentences cut

who took part in a homosex ual orgy that led to the death of Jason Swift, aged 14, were reduced by the Court of Appeal. Sidney Cooke and Steven Barrell were sentenced to 19 years and 13 years respectively in May 1989. The court held that they would not have dealt with so severely had the full activities of another man been known. Cooke's sentence was cut to 16 years and Barrell's to ten.

Muslim decade

Muslims in Britain will today launch their decade of Islamic revivalism to coincide with the Christian decade of evangelism. Dr Zaki Badawi, chairman of the Imams and Mosques Council, said young Muslims would be selected to carry the torch and guide believers into the right path". He added: "We are raising this, not in confrontation but in collaboration with the Christian decade."

Crash damages

A football enthusiast who suffered severe brain damage when a coach carrying Eng-land supporters crashed in Spain is to receive a struc-tured settlement for damages likely to run into many millions of pounds. Andrew Routledge, aged 24, of Tilehurt, Berkshire, was hurt in 1987 when the coach crashed near Burgos. The settlement is against the coach's owner and driver.

England win

The England chess team beat The Netherlands by 3½ points to ½ in the fifth round of the international speed tournament at Cannes. Results (England first): Nunn beat Timman; Adams beat Piket: Chandler drew with Van der Wiel; Hodgson beat Sosonko. Scores, with one round left: England, 15 points out of 20; US, 1212; The Netherlands, 92; France, 3.

Last week's Saturday Review said that four years ago. Frank Bough "faced charges for possession of cocaine". He did not. We apologise to Mr Bough for the error.

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a beret, chanting unspeakable slogans. Eggs and tomatoes greet ministers who dare to venture out from Paris.

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'Smelly' rapist caught with help of FBI is jailed for 13 years

By PETER VICTOR

A RAPIST who terrorised and humiliated his victims and who was caught after FBI officers helped to build up a profile of him from descriptions of his attacks was jailed for 13 years yesterday by the Central Criminal

Michael Musgrove, aged 21, described by his victims as smelly and spotty and by his former colleagues as a pervert, admitted raping three women and indecently assaulting two others.

For the first time in a rape

investigation. FBI officers were asked to help to analyse information gathered from the victims of 40 sex attacks in Essex, the court was told. Scotland Yard said that the FBI had been asked to help because of its greater experience in profiling serial sex attackers.

interviews with the victims usually slim and blonde established that the attacker was spotty, with a distinctive rancid, unwashed smell and that he took pleasure in humiliating them. He called his victims "whores and slags" and forced them to say they were enjoying being attacked. the court was told.

Work colleagues, who recalled that he rarely washed, nicknamed him "Mad Micky" and "The Pervert" because of his remarks about schoolgirls and his attitude to women. He spoke of women

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Lawyers acting for Max-well Communication Corpo-

ration. Mirror Group

Newspapers and one of the private companies, which

would all benefit from a suc-

cessful claim, are studying the report by chartered loss ad-

justers Rich Wheeler and Co

Ltd. They are also looking at the report by the Spanish authorities into the death in

the waters off the Canary Islands on November 5 last

year and the results of a sec-

ond post mortem examina-tion carried out by Dr lain

West, head of forensic medi-

cine at Guy's Hospital.

They believe there is enough doubt about the cir-

took his own life.

as something to be used. He was unpopular, a loner and sex was his main topic of conversation, the court was

Musgrove, whose younger brother is also a convicted rapist, left a trail of clues at the scenes of his crimes. But his DNA profile could not be matched with known sex offenders because he had no criminal record. He was caught when a burglary went wrong, Michael Stuart-Moore, QC. for the prosecution, said.

The court was told that he attacked a 21-year-old prosti-tute in May 1990 after breaking into a house in Ilford, Essex. He telephoned a massage parlour from the house, pretending to be a client. When the woman arrived he raped her at knife point. He



Allen: praised by judge for leading police hunt

cumstances of Maxwell's

death to pursue a claim on

the grounds that his death

was accidental. A spokesman for MGN said: "We are

pursuing our interest in the

£20 million insurance policy.

The possibility that the death

was accidental has not been

support other theories.

be challenged

By Lin Jenkins

did the same to another prostitute on June 18. At a flat in Ilford, three weeks after the first rape, he attacked a 39-year-old public relations manager, forcing her to say that she enjoyed it as he raped her. As a result of the ordeal the woman is so frightened that even going into her garden is "torture. the court was told. She described changing overnight from a confident and articulate person to one "who found it difficult to go out just

Musgrove had "taken away her privacy, her security, and her self-respect without giving it a second thought", she

into the garden, even in day-

In July 1990 Musgrove burgled a house in Dagen-ham where a girl aged 15 was sleeping downstairs. He fondled her but when she awoke, screaming and struggling, he realised that there were other occupants in the house and fled. Neighbours who had seen him lurking in the area telephoned police who caught him after a chase. Because he had no criminal record he was granted bail until his court appearance.

Two weeks later, while on bail, he attacked a housewife, aged 32, in Waltham Abbey as she was taking a short cut through a field to go shop-ping. She fought back and sent him reeling with a powerful kick between the legs. Mr Stuart-Moore said. All of his victims picked him out at identity parades.

William Clegg, QC, for the defence, said that Musgrove had been experimenting with drugs and could not remember much about the attacks. "He will not remain an indefinite danger to women," Mr Clegg said. The court was told that Musgrove married Michelle Bailey, his girl friend, while on remand in prison and that she was

standing by him. Mr Justice Hidden praised the police team, led by Det Supt Russ Allen, for the massive effort they put in to capture the attacker.

said that while he could find He told Musgrove as he sentenced him that only his youth and the fact he had death, Maxwell probably drowned. There was little to youth and the fact he had pleaded guilty had saved him from a life term. "The simple muth is you let your inhibi-tions be swept away by in-dulging in drug abuse," the judge said. "You planned Experts in the City believe that since there is no conclusive cause of death a negotiated settlement is the likely outcome. Talks between Lloyd's insurers and the Maxyour campaign with care, inwell companies are contingenuity and persistence. You uing through the Lloyd's brokers Willis Corroon. subjected all of them to terror and obscene humiliation."

Police chief urges

manifesto scrutiny

By Stewart Tendler, crime correspondent

to read it himself. Dead girl's stepfather abused boy

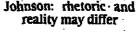
By Peter Davenport

THE stepfather of the murdered schoolgirl Lesley Molseed yesterday admitted a series of sex and indecency charges against her brother which he carried out shortly after she was killed.

The murder sent Daniel Molseed, aged 57, into a turmoil and he committed the assaults after turning to drink and Valium, Judge Savill. QC, said at Leeds crown court. The judge sentenced him to two years' probation and ordered him to attend a

clinic for sex abusers. This week, the Court of Appeal cleared Stefan Kiszko of murdering Lesley, aged 11. Mr Kiszko was wrongly convicted in 1976 and served 16

years of a life sentence. Yesterday, Molseed plead-ed guilty to three specimen charges of gross indecency. buggery and indecent assault between August 1970 and August 1979, when his stepson was aged 13 to 16. The court was told that the assaults came to light only last October. Judge Savill said that Molseed's offences were unforgiveable, but he accepted that his stepdaughter's death must have sent him "into turmoil".





Kiszko kept his faith in justice alive

for schizophrenia.

BY ALISON ROBERTS

THE man who was wrongly "I just signed it any old convicted of a schoolgirl's way. I was under the impresmurder and imprisoned for sion these officers were 16 years said yesterday that he never lost faith that he would eventually be acquitted. "I always believed the courts would come on my side," Stefan Kiszko, aged 40, said on his first public appearance since being cleared by the appeal court on Tuesday of killing Lesley

Mr Kiszko, a former tax clerk, spoke in a bushed voice and held his mother's hand as he told how, after his arrest in December 1975, the police gave him a state-ment to sign in which he confessed to the murder. The investigating officer read it

going to hit me or do some-thing violent," he said. "They were very tall and very strong. In a way I was framed, because the detectives said. Just get it wrapped up for Christmas and end it some way or Mr Kiszko said that he had been persuaded by defence

counsel at his trial to plead manslaughter and dimin-ished responsibility, but he did not want to. "I wanted to go forward with a not guilty plea." He was speaking at the secure unit of Prestwich hospital near Manchester, where he will remain for he suffered a mental break- feel very sorry for Lesley's Kiszko's case.

down and has been treated family and I feel angry towards the police, because of He said that he was atthe way they have handled all of this.

tacked twice by other prisoners during his time in jail. While in Wakefield prison, he was kept away from other inmates for his own protection, but was set upon by six prisoners when he first arrived. In 1977, he was assaulted again and needed 17 stitches in a head wound. Other prisoners called me all sorts of names, but I al-

ways believed in my own in-nocence," he said. "The years in prison were a nightmare and a hell, to be honest. "I want to see the real kill-er of Lesley found. He should be put behind prison bars as well, and suffer the same con-

Mr Kiszko's mother, Charlotte, hugged him and squeezed his hand. He said: "Mum has given me every confidence. While in prison, I had not been able to draw the strength from within myself. I had not wanted to lose my mother because of the crime of which I was convicted."

Mr Kiszko, who learned of the appeal judgment when he saw it on television, hopes to return to work and normal life as soon as possible. "I am hoping I will meet Miss Right," he said.

Lancashire police are hold-

'Shoppers will pay' for credit fee rise

By ROBIN YOUNG

RETAILERS reacted with dismay yesterday after Barclays and National Westminster, Britain's two largest banks, confirmed that they are increasing the fees they charge for processing credit card transactions.

The Barclays rise will cost retailers an extra 14p for every £100 of sales. Credit card holders will not be affected directly by the increase, al-though retailers warned that they would have to pass the rise on to customers. Bardays said that the increases came after three years of price cuts. which had seen service charges fall by an average of

26 per cent. Michael Wilsey, deputy di-rector of the British Retail Consortium, which represents nine-tenths of retailers. said yesterday: "We have been told that Barclaycard intend to increase their typical charge from 1.6 per cent to 1.76 per cent. That seems quite inappropriate at a time like this, when businesses are struggling and margins are already squeezed to a minimum.

Mr Wilsey said that retailers did not want to introduce differential pricing, so that those using credit cards would pay more than customers offering cash, and would not be able to absorb the increased cost. "It seems inevitable that the increase will have to be passed on to the customers in the form of higher prices."

He pointed out that Lloyds Bank reported increased profits yesterday. "Retailers are not producing any results like that," he said.

Bernard Tennant, director of the National Chamber of Trade, said: "It is a real blow. It is a bit rough, so soon after banks have been told to be fairer to small businesses. that suddenly they should penalise the small man in the High Street with such swingeing increases.

We have always taken the view that credit cards are more useful to the banks and those seeking credit than they are to retailers. The banks should increase their charges to cardholders ... not to the

Lloyds results, page 17

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The warning came from Brian Johnson, president of that "the rest is up to us". the Association of Chief Police Officers and chief con-THE SUNDAY TIMES stable of Lancashire, in a letter sent to national newspaper editors whose papers The have reported that the government may promise a French shake-up of the police service. Mr Johnson said that the proposals hinted at, includmalaise ing changes in management and new forms of local policing and shift patterns, were not new ideas but "restated demands made by the police or examples of current prac-

He said: "You will no doubt

receive many edicts on law

tice within the service".

THE leader of Britain's chief

constables yesterday warned

the public to look carefully at

manifesto plans for law and

order in the run-up to the

general election to see wheth-

er they were as new as politi-

cians claimed.

and order from various polit-

ical groups ... I would just

like to remind your readers

that in police work there is a

wealth of difference between

It was over-simplistic to feel

that police had had it all their

own way for a decade and

rhetoric and reality."

The mayor's number is up BY TIM JONES

A LABOUR-controlled with a bit of tinkering, it council in Wales that atcould be used to advertise the borough. Council worktempted to create for itself a status symbol more commen were ordered to move mon to pop stars and cap-tains of industry than to civic affairs has re-aligned its political thinking after the 'O' a few inches to the right, and the mayor, Colin Evans, was delighted to be being warned to mend its

ways. The The burghers of Bridgend, Mid Glamorgan, centre of Ogwr borough council, were delighted when they acquired for £140 from a government agency the number plate JIO GWR for their official Ford Scorpio limousine. The personalised touch

greatly pleased the council-

lors, who considered that,

plate JI 0 GWR.

official duties in a car that bore the number JI OGWR. were not amused and the council was told to change the plate within 14 days or face prosecution. Frantic meetings led to what councillors hope will be a compromise, and the mayor's car now carries the number

In the view of the South

Wales police, the new num-

chauffeured around on his

Unfortunately, the police

cation and not as status symbols." He said the council would have been taken to court if it had not complied. Mr Evans said: "We were delighted to obtain the number plate and certainly had no intention of breaking the law by altering it. The police in this area do seem to be having a crackdown on personalised

plates although the law

does seem to be a bit

ber plate may now be legal.

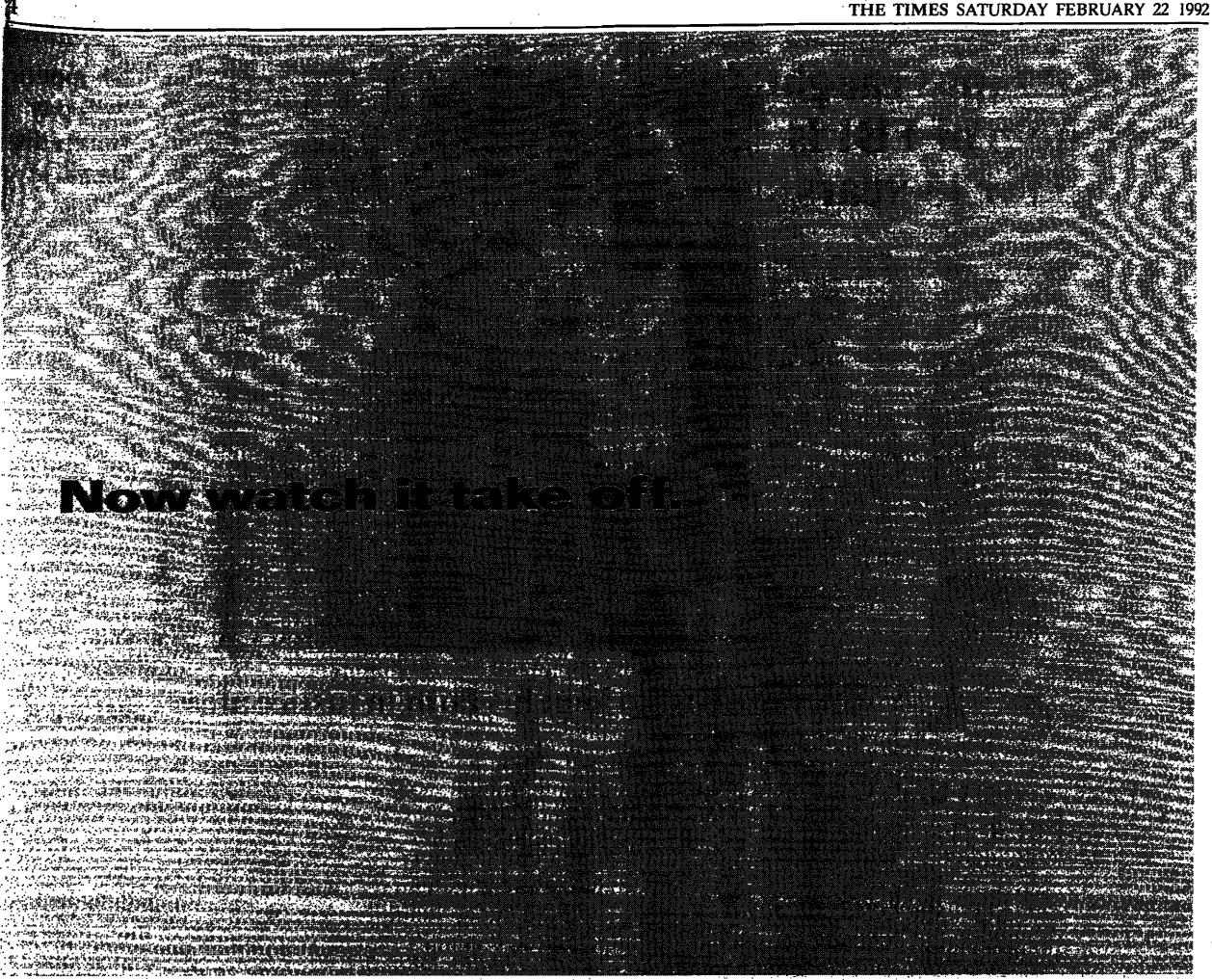
Supt Tony Sullivan said:

"We do not approve of any

motorists trying this sort of

wheeze, whether they are

mayors or not. Number plates are there for identifi-



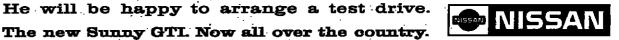
After flying spectacularly across your TV screens the new Sunny GTI has landed at your local Nissan dealer.

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Model shown is Sunny 2.0 GTL Price moludes car tax and VAT but excludes delivery charge of £375 (covering delivery to dealer, full tank of petrol and numb

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JULIAN HERBERT

Surgeons operating at weekends to beat waiting list deadline

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

OPERATING theatres which normally stand idle at weekends will be open this morning as hospitals try to reduce surgery waiting lists.

L RIJAY TI BRUARY DA

Health service managers are having to pay premium rates to nursing staff and doctors to meet the deadline imposed by the government's patient's charter, which guarantees treatment within two years for all patients from April 1.

The scale of the challenge is daunting. The number of two-year waiters fell from 80,000 in March 1989 to 50,000 by March 1991. But by the end of last year there were still 29,000 patients to clear in the three months to March 31, more than twice the number cut in the previous three months, which was itself a record. Hospitals have

FRAUD squad detectives

have begun an investigation

into allegations that some

staff at the Stationery Office

may have received cash pay-

ments from businessmen in

return for awarding printing

contracts worth more than £1

The Stationery Office

called in police from the Norfolk fraud squad last autumn.

The investigation covers only

the headquarters of the office,

Suspicions centre on sever-

al companies across the coun-

try that supplied work for the Stationery Office. According

to sources in the printing industry, one of the com-

panies named in the allega-

tions is still receiving business

from the Stationery Office

under a new identity. The

office has been unable to

The investigation began

after an executive in the print-

ing industry in the North-

corruption, contacted his MP

and asked him to look into

various allegations that were

circulating in specialised ar-

The allegations, which

were passed on last year to

John Maples, economic sec-

retary at the Treasury, were

that some companies were

being frozen out of contracts

comment on this.

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million a year.

in Norwich.

been putting on extra operating sessions and paying medical staff overtime to get the patients treated. There are due to be at least a dozen operations this morning at Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Buckinghamshire, where Saturday surgery sessions have been run every weekend since before Christmas with medical staff paid at NHS

At the Lister Hospital, in northwest Hertfordshire, 12 patients are to have wisdom teeth extracted under general anaesthetic at a cost allocated by the health authority of £200 a case. Kate McMaster, assistant director for surgical specialties, said it was "not as cost effective as doing them on the main list".

Similar weekend sessions are being run at hospitals in

competitive prices.

Contracts were offered by

tender and it is alleged that in

recent years one particular company received a large

proportion of the work by

undercutting other tenders by

enough to secure the job. An

unusually large number of

urgent jobs, which were han-

dled by one of a group of designated companies, again

seemed to go to a single

Stationery Office rules stip-ulate that no company should

get more than 25 per cent of its business from the office.

but half of one company's

turnover - said to be worth

more than El million - is

alleged to have come from the

The allegations were raised

with a senior official at the

Stationery Office and eventu-

ally forwarded to the police.

Detectives have talked to the

executive who made the origi-nal claims and taken a state-

ment from another business

man in the printing industry

about allegations concerning

contracts worth hundreds of

thousands of pounds a year

Details were forwarded to

the Inland Revenue, but it

decided to take no action. A

decision to prosecute would

need the agreement of the Attorney-general.

over more than four years.

company.

office.

Fraud squad starts

HMSO enquiry

By Stewart Tendler, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

most regions. Most long wait patients require plastic surand 30 per cent are cosmetic cases, drawing criticism that the rush to treat them is displacing needier patients. Others are waiting for cata-ract operations, hip replacements and oral surgery. Hospitals are paying for the extra work with funds

allocated from the government's £39 million waiting list fund. Stoke Mandeville, where "several hundred" patients have waited over two years, mostly for plastic sur-gery, has offered patients faster treatment at hospitals in London, paid for with a £300,000 allocation from the waiting list fund. Some pa-tients have been sent to private units nearby where they are operated on by Stoke Mandeville surgeons paid at private rates, according to Ken Cunningham, the gener-

Health authority managers claim that once they have cleared the two-year lists they can prevent waiting times growing again and even con-tinue the downward trend-But John Yates, former advis-er to the health department who resigned last year, said that once lists were reduced there was no mechanism to keep them there.

In the West Midlands, where he is now in charge of the waiting list initiative, hospital specialties receive a fee for each case treated from their waiting lists, ranging from £350 for general surgery to £715 for orthopaedic surgery, and are paid a bonus of £5,000 a quarter when they have no patients waiting longer than one year. The number of patients waiting more than a year has been halved since March last year to 10,000 as a result of surgeons doing more work targeting those who have waited longest and weeding out those who no longer need

"The incentive scheme in the West Midlands doesn't just pay specialties to get the list down but to keep it down." Mr Yates said

A health department spokesman confirmed that the commitment to eliminating the two-year lists by March 31 remained. "It is possible that NHS funds will be used for private treat-ment," he said. "It is for managers to negotiate the arrangements. If the costs are excesssive, we would expect them to look elsewhere."



Community spirit: the Right Rev Anthony Russell, Bishop of Dorchester, blessing the Red Lion at Chalgrove, near Oxford, a pub owned by the village church and whose licensee is the Rev Ian Cohen, the vicar. The pub, re-opened after renovation, helps to support the 900-year-old St Mary's Church

Rejected husband killed wife and lover

A MAN murdered his estranged wife and her lover and then hanged himself after leaving messages admitwas told yesterday.

Tom Bunkell, aged 52, of Briston, Norfolk, killed Valerie Bunkell, aged 44, and Bertie Parker, also 44, with a ten-inch blade after discovering them in a cottage where they were hiding after he had previously threatened to kill them, the inquest in Dereham, Norfolk, was told. Mrs Bunkell had been so not informed the police of his

Det Inspector Kevin Green told the inquest that Bunkell. a lorry driver, then went to a barn in nearby Holt, where he worked, and hanged himself after writing on a blackboard used for messages to other lorry-drivers. He wrote: "I waited until they opened the door, and I killed the pair. I cannot stand anymore. love Valerie deenk .

Christopher Starling, the Dereham coroner, recorded verdicts of unlawful killing on Mrs Bunkell and Mr Parker, who both suffered "terrible injuries", including fractured

He recorded a verdict that Bunkell killed himself, and said: "When this sort of tragedy occurs, one wonders what could have been done to prevent it. Unfortunately, no steps were taken by Mrs Bunkell which led to an injunction giving police powers of arrest. This case shows the tragic consequences which can follow."

£5,000 put on Hitler's head

BY SARAH JANE CHECKLAND SALEROOM CORRESPONDENT

BRONZE bust of Adolf Hitler, reputed to have been "liberated" from a German army headquarters, is to be auctioned in Devon on Monday along with material relating to Sir Oswald Mosley and Lord Haw Haw for his wartime propaganda broadcasts on behalf of the Nazis.

Robin Fenner, whose company in Tavistock will auction the pieces, said that there had been much interest in the 1932 bust from clients in South America. The bust, estimated at £5,000, is said to have been brought back to England by a member of a West Country regiment.

The other material being sold belongs to a descendant of Captain C.C. Lewis, who vas an Indian Army officer in Jeddah from 1925 to 1932 and later a Tory MP. It includes a series of hand-written essays and topical dis-cussions by Lewis, annotated

in the margins by Joyce.

The accompanying miscellany includes 29 copies of Blackshirt, the British Union of Fascists' magazine, a portrait of Sir Oswald, leader of the British Union of Fascists, and a photograph

of Lady Mosley.

Mr Fenner said: "This material is part of our heritage, because it gives us an idea of

Burglar of solicitor's office jailed

A PROFESSIONAL thief with a history of offences across the country was yesterday jailed for three years after being found guilty of burgling a solicitor's offices in

Nottingham.

A defence application that a blanket ban should be imposed on reporting the hearing was rejected. However, Judge Hopkin made an order under the Contempt of Court Act preventing identification of the defendant on the

grounds that publicity could prejudice court proceedings Nottingham crown court

was told that the man was caught in an assurance company and later admitted that he had also burgled a solici-tor's offices in the city. He admitted burgling Robert Barber Solicitors on February 28 last year, and burgling Weslevan Assurance.

Adrian Reynolds, for the prosecution, said that police

were alerted to the burglary at Wesleyan Assurance when an alarm went off. They found a man hiding in the basement.

The defendant was carrying money taken from the premises and a rucksack containing tools, a balaclava and other items "quite clearly" intended for use in the course of a burglary. He told police that he regularly went away from home looking for places

The court was told that the

man was "an habitual offender" with a string of burglary convictions. Last year at Swindon crown court. Wiltshire, he was sentenced to 180 hours' community service after being convicted of two burglaries at a solicitor's offices in Devizes.

James Beck, for the defence, said that his client had turned to burglary from time to time because of stress caused by his domestic circumstances.

Pregnant swindler avoids jail

A WOMAN who defrauded her employers out of more than £20,000 avoided being iailed vesterday because she is pregnant.
The Central Criminal

Court was told that Cheryl Grant, aged 23, turned to crime to raise the money for a dream wedding. Grant, of Croydon, south London, emoarked on a cheque fraud to steal E23,200 from the Abbey

National Building Society.

Judge Coombe told the woman that she deserved to

because your baby is due to be born in May I am faced with a dilemma," he said. "I am not sure I am right, but I have great reluctance in imposing what is a penalty on your unborn child."

He suspended an 18 months sentence for two years and ordered her to pay E3.000 compensation within one year. The money is to be raised from the sale of her former home, her wedding

ring and a car.

The court was told that Grant, a cashier, had turned

ding. But her fraud was discovered before her wedding day and she had to cancel the £2,000 honeymoon trip to Los Angeles and Hawaii.

The marriage, however, went ahead. Her husband Michael Grant, a traince electrician, who was sentenced to 12 months imprisonment, nine months of which were suspended for two years, for his part in the crime. Both had pleaded guilty to conspiracy to

Cruises in a fix as Nile's level drops

By HARVEY ELLIOTT TRAVEL CORRESPONDENT

TOUR operators are considering dropping some of their most popular winter Nile cruises because of falling water levels, congestion at locks and poor official information about the state of the river.

Boats on stretches of the lower river between Cairo and Luxor, especially in December and January, often cannot move because of silt. Only new boats with very shallow draughts can now navigate all of the river, and even these have difficulty in winter. Already, many operators

are offering cruises on the upper Nile only - between uxor and the Aswan High Dam that is blamed for the problems along the length of he Nile through Egypt Derek Moore was among

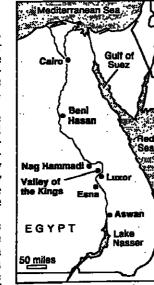
hundreds of tourists stranded

at Beni Hasan this month

when his cruise boat was one

of more than a dozen unable

to move down-stream. We paid a total of £7,134 for a 17-day holiday with Swan Hellenic." Mr Moore said. "We flew to Cairo and then to Luxor and were supposed to spend the rest of the time cruising down the river. When we got to Beni Hasan, we were told there was only 50cm of water in the river



and wherever we looked there were other cruise boats in a similar position.

"We had changed to a smaller boat upstream, but it made no difference. One of the Thomas Cook boats tried to get through but had to turn back. Eventually, we were taken 160 miles by bus to Cairo and put up in a hotel, which was an excellent standard but somewhat different

from cruising. "The Egyptians don't seem to realise just how serious the problem is and what harm it

try. If I had known it was going to be so difficult I would not have gone. I think it's wrong of tour operators to sell holidays when they know this can happen."

John Bolton, managing director of Swan Hellenic, said that it would be reassessing whether to continue the cruises in winter. "When we planned them, we thought in all honesty that we would be able to operate them properly," he said. "Five or six years ago no one had any difficulty, but gradually the river has dropped and this year fell to unusually low levels. There is a lack of accurate information in advance." The Aswan dam was built

in the 1960s in an attempt to control the yearly flood that swept down the Nile and to irrigate land beside the river. Irrigation water, taken

from the dam in winter, comes from near the surface. above the silt. When the Nile flooded naturally, this sediment, with its rich goodness, was deposited on the plain. Now, farmers have to apply fertiliser. This, in turn, is washed into the Nile, encouraging growth of algae, weed and "Flower of the Nile" floating blooms that dog

At the same time, the ambi-

by several inches a year leaving ugly areas of mud. Nagi Aryan, who leases two

shallow draught boats to Thomas Cook, said: "It has been like this in December and January for years because they close the high dam to clean the canals and maintain the locks. This year, the water was very low and even though I have the two shallowest boats on the river I still had to cancel two cruises because there was a risk we could have become strick. My boats have a draught of only 85cm to 90cm while older ones have, on average, around 130.

"Now 98 per cent of boars operate in the deeper waters of the upper Nile between Luxor and Aswan only. This means that there is congestion around a lock at Esna."

New locks are being built and action is being taken to destroy the floating flowers. Some ship operators are seeking a unified attempt by operators to dredge channel Simon Laxton, of Thomas

Cook, said that he believed the blockage at Beni Hasan was caused by barges stuck in navigation channels. He is to press Egyptian officials for better warning of problems. The real problem is with the long cruises" he said.

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Sadness sinks in as US navy sails out

EAGLE Court, a dowdy group of pebble-dashed houses close to the American submarine base on the Holy Loch, was until a few weeks ago a bustling little community of American servicemen and their families. Yesterday, almost all the houses had emptied, and rows of forgotten barbecue sets lay abandoned on their back porches. Swings and slides were left silent in the drizzle.

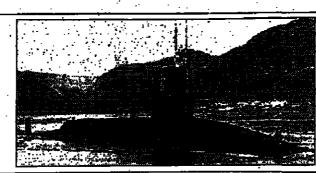
After more than 30 years. the Americans are pulling out of the Holy Loch, which runs northwest off the Firth of Clyde. Officially they must be gone by June 1, but today the Mighty Servant III. a 28.000-tonne transporter. will begin its journey across the Atlantic carrying the Los Alamos, the dry dock that has serviced submarines since the Americans arrived with USS Proteus on March 3, 1961.

Their arrival was greeted with mixed feelings. More than 10,000 anti-nuclear campaigners demonstrated as the ship docked. Local girls, enthralled at the prospect of up to 4.000 would-be boyfriends and husbands, peeped longingly from behind net curtains.

Yesterday, as senior American navy officers hosted an official farewell to the town of

After 30 years the last US submarine has left Holy Loch. and locals now fear that they will

miss the Americans more than they thought. Kerry Gill reports



Although willing to speak as aged 20, who has never before left Scotland without her they loaded their belongings, parents, looked forward with they could not give their names without going through apprehension to her new life at an American base in a tortuous exercise with base Rhode Island. Mrs Kistner security. The husband, aged met her husband, Scott, a 22, was not born when the base opened. "They hated to have us here when we came, but now they hate to have us leave," he said, standing bebosun's mate from Ohio, at an Independence Day picnic held on a hill behind Dunoon three years ago. "I am not too happy about going away, but I will have to fore the American flag in his living room. "I know we are

go through with it," she said.
"I hope to come back for going to miss Scotland. I think they are robbing us by every second Christmas. After dosing the base down." The name Holy Loch all, Scott has missed four stemmed from the day a Christmases at home. I knew we would be going when I got group of medieval monks set married last year, but now sail across the water to a leper that it is suddenly happening. colony at Strone. Their boat it is all a bit strange. sank and they were drowned almost at the spot occupied by The Americans are more

twitchy than ever about secthe submarine tender USS urity, fearing criticism of Simon Lake. their departure. A petty of-Down the seafront road at ficer and his wife were among

the loch since 1987, long queues of taxis waited for Americans to come ashore after their shifts. Duncon once had more taxis per head than New York. By June, up to 50 per cent of them will have disappeared, according to the owners' association.

The Simon Lake, named after an American pioneer in submarine development, effectively is the base. Early next month it will leave to take up station in Norfolk, Virginia. By the time it sails down the Firth of Clyde, fewer than 200 Americans will be left. Despite repeated assertions

that the servicemen and locals mixed, the Americans tended to keep to themselves. Graeme Stewart, who was born and brought up in Dunoon, said: "What happened was that newly arrived sailors would walk into a bar

come back the next night, but then they would gravitate to their own bars." Those were the Double AA par and the Harmony Hotel, which would host country and western nights. Yesterday, both

were nearly empty.
One place that was full was the window of Chalmers' estate agents. The company has been given the job of selling 64 houses formerly occupied by American families. Some of the better houses have sparked interest among people wanting to commute to Glasgow.

The loss of the Americans is expected to put up to 9,000 people out of work, mainly civilians working for the base and people working in support industries, from shops to contract firms. Up to £11 million is likely to be taken out of the local economy.

One hotelier said: "Most of

this town has its head in the sand. People won't realise what is happening until they wake up this summer and all the Americans have gone." He pointed to a series of marketing seminars in Dunoon, designed to help businesses come to terms with the loss of American cash. Only seven people had expressed any interest, two from



Open wide: John Phillips, of the Natural History Museum's engineering section, inspects a life-size model of a tyrannosaurus rex that will feature in a permanent dianosaur exhibition opening on April 15. The museum, in London, will combine fossils, robotic and static models, and

computer displays to provide a compre-hensive picture of dinosaur life, and will examine how a group of animals that survived for millions of years eventually became extinct. Visitors will be able to handle some of the exhibits, including

the landing stage for the Si-mon Lake, which has stood in the last to leave Eagle Court. OME PEOPLE LIKE TO BE DIFFERENT JUST FOR THE JOY OF IT. Alfa Romes

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Hull puts accent on plain talk

By Peter Davenport

IT USED to be said that Hull was difficult to reach and that, once there, the visitor could not understand what its residents were talking about. The arrival of the M62 and the Humber bridge alleviated many of the transport problems and now a guide book has been published to break

down the language barriers.

Learn to Speak Hull is a new publication which translates local phrases which have traditionally left outsiders

The linguistic gerns it seeks to explain include "fern calls" (telephone calls), "curdless ferns" (cordless telephones), "pearis" (natives of Poland), pearl tax" (the community charge), "err nerr" (an expression of dismay), "lerds and lerds" (plenty) and "you've got to be jerkin" (I do

not believe you).

The guide has duced by the city's Remould Theatre Company and welcomed by the city council. The company produced the booklet because it is to stage a community play this year featuring hundreds of local people, and the writers feared that visitors from outside Hull would be unable to understand the dialogue. An initial print run of 1,000 copies, at 30p, has proved oppular.

Trevor Wright, the theatre company's education officer. said yesterday: "The people of Hull have a unique accent which, for those not used to it. can be very difficult to follow. Because Hull is such an isolated city, it is not as cosmopolitan as places such as Sheffield or Leeds. The accents of its people have altered very little and are very pure. Everyone in Hull is very proud of their accents, but it can make our job a little difficult when we are trying to put

on a play about the city and its people for visitors. Hundreds of residents have suggested more phrases for listing. Trevor Larsen, chairman of the council's cultural services committee, said: "I believe the famous Hull 'err' could really catch on."

Acid bath killer gets life term

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The man convicted of mur-dering his wife by putting her in a tank of acid was jailed for life at the Old Bailey in London yesterday, with the recommendation that he serve at least 18 years.

Cecil Jackson, aged 37, of Forest Gate, east London. throttled his wife, Dassa, aged 30, and put what he thought was her dead body in the acid tank. She died in hospital later.

Mr Justice Hidden told dangerous man with an enormous capacity for evil." He described the case as one of the "most horrific" it was possible to imagine.

River rescue

Nine people, including four children, were rescued from the Severn at Arlingham. .Gloucestershire, after their inflatable dinghy was capsized by the Severn Bore.

Donegan ill

Lonnie Donegan the former skiffle star, aged 60, has been admitted to Guy's hospital south London. The hospital would not confirm reports that he is to have heart

Opera loan

Edinburgh city council has been given permission by Ian Lang, the Scottish secretary, to borrow El million to convert the Empire Theatre into an opera house.

Swan boost

A ban on the use of lead fishing weights helped to boost the mute swan popula-tion to a record level of about 25,000 in 1990.

Tosa castrated Ichi, the only Japanese tosa in

Britain and owned by a south London woman, has been castrated in compliance with the Dangerous Dogs Act. Robbing hoods

Three 18-year-olds who held

up a motorist with crossbows

in Sherwood Forest were sent

to a detention centre by

Nottingham crown court.

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Tories say Labour will cost share buyers dear

By NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

Labour's plans for tighter reg-ulation of British Telecom and regional electricity com-panies would wipe £1,000 off the value of the holdings of many small shareholders, the Conservatives said yesterday.

John Redwood, the corporate affairs minister, said Labour was planning to drive down the profits and dividends of the privatised utilities as a precursor to renationalising them on the cheap. He accused Labour of pursuing a policy of "creep-ing nationalisation".

Someone holding 500 BT and 500 electricity shares faced an immediate loss of £1,000 in the value of their investment as a result of the proposed squeeze, he

"Labour has targeted shareholders to pay the bills for many of its wilder policies. If you have saved and bought some shares in BT and your local electricity company you would suffer from Labour's 'smash and grab' raid," he told a press conference at Conservative Central Office. A spokesman for Gordon

Brewers lobby for cut in duty

By ROBIN YOUNG

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A NEWLY formed association of small, independent breweries lobbied Parliament yesterday to demand that Britain should follow the example of other European countries by levying a lower rate of duty on small produc-

The Small Independent

Brewers' Association, formed to campaign on behalf of 185 small, local breweries, said the progressive system had been recommended by the Monopolies Commission and supported by consumer groups. David Roberts, the sociation's chairman, said: "The government has not given any reason for not introducing such a system. We can only assume the fact that nothing has been done is due

giant national breweries." be cut by as much as 18p a pint for beer produced by the smallest breweries. "A lower rate of duty would help more breweries to open and lead to lower prices and more choice for drinkers in the pubs," he

to pressure exerted by the

policy that if the privarised companies made excessive profits they should be reduced to a more normal level in industry. "If the government thinks excessive profits are justifiable, it must say why. The onus of the argument is in their court."

Armed with a new Tory poster bearing the slogan "Tell Sid his shares aren't safe with Labour', Peter Lifley, the trade secretary, said that Labour's ultimate objective was to renationalise all the utilities and penalise some ten million shareholders.

"The Labour party is now the only major political party in the world advocating an extension of state ownership," Mr Lilley said as he high-lighted state sell-offs in countries as disparate as Sweden, Peru and Kuwait.

As the ministers acknowledged, Labour has toned down its renationalisation plans since the 1987 election. Its present priorities are to take the ten regional water companies back into public ownership and to renationalise the national grid, but even these are being downgraded.

Mr Brown's spokesman "Water is something that will happen when regional authorities (for Eng-land) are in existence and when resources allow." This could take longer than the five year lifetime of a parliament

After the sale of an extra 27.5 per cent of BT in December, Labour appears to have dropped plans to take a controlling stake in the company. It has also said that it would pay a "fair market price" for shares acquired by

However, the Tories said that they had strong doubts over this pledge, claiming that a series of Labour spokesmen had given the impression that they would use a variety of devices to depress the value of the shares they wished to acquire. In the past three months, they had disclosed plans to reduce BT's profits by £1 billion and to cut those of the regional electricity companies by 37.5 per

Mr Redwood said that it would cost the taxpayer £10 billion to renationalise the water companies and the nat-ional grid. "This would be the equivalent of five pence on the basic rate of income tax in one year. Labour would want to find a cheaper way of getting control at the expense of existing shareholders."

British MPs lag behind on perks

By Robin Oakley, political editor

only a fraction of those paid to American legislators and are lower than those of most other European countries, according to figures released

of their £30,854 salaries of per kilometre for the first up to £28,986, plus 10 per 800 kilometres, then 25p cent for the pension contri-butions of their staff. An meetings. They are also re-American Congressman gets £295,725 to hire up to 18 permanent and four ings out part-time staff, a "base" al-lowance of up to £67,400 to Compa cover constituency office costs, and an entertainment tence and constituency allowance of £96,286 to costs. Euro-MPs get £128

A member of the German Bundestag collects £51,408 plus the cost of overnight for research and secretarial costs. £24,805 for office ings outside. A French depucosts, and £1,394 for constituency faxes. A deputy in the French National Assembly depending on the distance can claim up to £60,588 a of the constituency from year in secretarial, research Paris. German MPs have to and office costs, and a member of the European Parliament can charge up to £52,692 for secretarial assistance, and up to £22,260 for stay is necessary, plus a £14 office management, tele-phone, postage and travel British MPs with constitu-

phone, postage and travel within member states. British, German and allowed an additional costs French MPs get free inland allowance of up to £10,786 a postage. An American Congressman has an annual mail allowance averaging Lon E96,286 a year. Telephone an calls are free inland for Brit-year. ish and French MPs. Ger-

OFFICE and travel ex-man MPs and US congress-penses for British MPs are men get free travel to and from their legislature, with British MPs also receiving a motor mileage allowance of 15.1p to 34.1p per mile, and one free trip a year to an by John MacGregor, the European Community insti-leader of the Commons. European parliatution. European parlia-British MPs can claim an ment members get a flatoffice costs allowance on top rate travel allowance of 50p meetings. They are also re-imbursed for air fares by the most direct route for meetings outside Community

> Comparisons are rather more complicated on subsisper day for attending meetings within the Community, accommodation for meetty gets 3-10 per cent of his or her £35.724 annual salary, meet the costs of any second home out of their office allowance, but have their hotel bills paid when an overnight

> encies outside London are year for maintaining a sec-ond home. Those with London constituencies have an allowance of £1,222 a

Mr MacGregor disclosed man MPs get free national and international calls.

British, French and GerTory MP for Harrow East.



Follow me: Neil Kinnock arranging a photograph of Labour's women pros-pective parliamentary candidates in the Midlands during his visit to the International Convention Centre, Birming-ham, yesterday. Mr Kinnock said a tax cut would be the Tories' last card. They are going to try to buy votes with borrowed money the vot-ers will then have to pay

back. That is the econom-

ics of embezziement."

Renton under pressure to curb art exodus

TIM RENTON, the arts minister, is coming under increasing pressure to reform controls on art exports before the flow of great works coming onto the market place becomes a flood (Sarah Jane Checkland writes).

Graham Greene, chairman of the Museums and Galleries Commission, said in a letter to the minister that he "cannot emphasise too strongly the destructive effect of the continuing lack of action to address effective reform of our export control

Mr Renton announced last December that he was considering introducing a list of supreme heritage items that

would not be allowed to leave the country.

That statement prompted some art owners to rush their works onto the market, including Lord Cholmondeley with his £15 million Holbein. A number of other works are scheduled for sale at Chris-Mr Renton says he will

day that the United King-dom's dominant position in the European art market ened" should listing without compensation be introduced.

Lords not able to save bill for disabled

By BOB MORGAN

PRIVATE members' bill to improve the rights of disabled people was given an unop-posed second reading in the House of Lords yesterday, but an attempt to reintroduce an identical measure in the Commons was blocked.

The Civil Rights (Disabled Persons) Bill fell in the Commons when first introduced three weeks ago by Alf Morris, former Labour minister for the disabled. It was put before the Lords yesterday by Lady Lockwood. Despite its success in the upper House. the measure has no chance of

becoming law.

I The Timeshare Bill, a private members' measure which provides a 14-day cooling off period for customers and provides for £2,000 fines for organisations that fail to offer such periods, completed its Commons stages.

☐ The Firearms (Amendment) Bill, another private members' measure, giving the home secretary power to shorten the time limit on firearm certificates, completed its Commons stages.

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of March, although heritage

lobbyists fear that a general

election would cause further

delay. Mr Greene said yester-

"inevitably be weak-

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Anger at invasion of southern Lebanon threatens to revive dormant Palestinian and Shia militias

Israel chooses to ignore old lesson

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

AS THE lethal attack on the convoy carrying Sheikh Abbas Moussawi, the Hezbollah leader, his wife, infant son and five bodyguards clearly demonstrated, there are few details of life in Lebanon which escape Israeli military

But as the week's casualty toll grew yesterday with the death of a five-year-old israeli girl, hit by a Katyusha rocket fired across the border, it is questionable whether Israel has learnt any lessons from its experiences in Lebanon.

Ten years ago, the Israelis invaded Lebanon under the guise of securing peace for their civilians in northern Galilee. They succeeded in ousting Palestinian guerrillas from their strongholds in southern Lebanon and Beirut, but ultimately were left facing a far more dangerous and fanatical opponent.

As Israel tried to consolidate its control over Lebanon during the three-year occupation, the Shias of the south were easily mobilised by Syria and Iran into a violent resistance campaign. They have since inflicted numerous damaging attacks against Israel and its proxy in the area. the South Lebanon Army.

Israel's vulnerability became apparent this week when it was powerless to prevent more than 100 Katyusha rockets from hitting northern Galilee and when two of its ground troops were killed and three injured attempting to destroy Hezbollah positions only a couple of miles north of the

Just as the Lebanese gov-ernment and its Syrian masters were beginning to disarm and disband the country's myriad militias and restore a semblance of power to the Lebanese army, the Israeli attacks have succeeded in reactivating hundreds of gunmen from an assortment of Palestinian guerrilla organ-isations, Lebanese left-wing groups, and Shia Muslim

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fundamentalists. It is perhaps no coincidence that the very forces being mobilised in backed fundamentalists and hardline Palestinians - are precisely the groups who oppose the reconvening of bilateral peace talks with Israel on

Monday in Washington. Similarly, the Israelis shouting loudest for reprisal actions are those who would most like to see the peace process halted in its tracks. Ariel Sharon, the housing

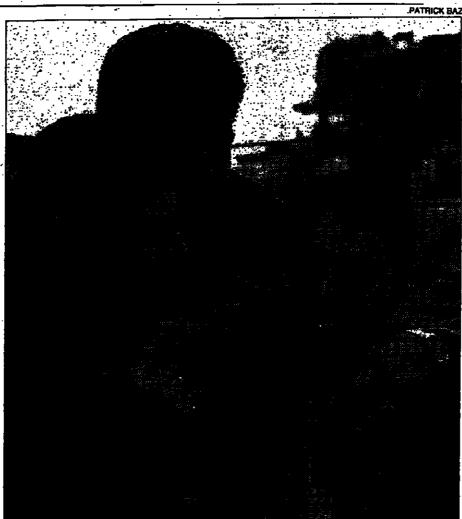
minister, is a prime example. This week he attempted to attract Likud party support for his leadership bid by vol-unteering his services as the only man capable of "wiping out" the "upsurge in terror" in southern Lebanon. As the architect of the disastrous invasion of Lebanon ten

vears ago. Israelis could be

forgiven for not knowing

whether to laugh or cry at his

Rocket attack, page 1



Brothers in arms: Israeli soldiers greeting a comrade on his return to the base from where Israel is launching its attacks on Hezbollah in southern Lebanon

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FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN UMM GUDAIR, KUWAIT

Gulf war

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keep on

killing

NEARLY a year after the Gulf war ended, the unexploded allied munitions and Iraqi mines still littering the desert continue to exact a much higher toll in lives than did the conflict itself. A senior British explosives

expert, working in punishing conditions here yesterday to neutralise a minefield close to the Saudi border, disclosed that about a third of the 100,000 tonnes of explosive dropped by the allied air forces failed to explode. The point was uncomfortably reinforced when our fourwheel-drive vehicle narrowly missed detonating a just-visible American armour-piercing bomblet on a supposedly safe track.

"At the time of the main air offensive, the sand was soggy and acted like a sponge, which was why over 30 per cent of the stuff dropped on the Iraqis failed to explode," said Brian Ashwell, opera-tions manager of Passive Bar-riers, a London-based company involved in a hazardous dean-up expected to last at least three more years and cost more than \$1 billion (E575 million).

"Another reason why there is so much unexploded materiel is that many of the weapons dropped were highly ex-perimental and did not go off as expected. There are also huge quantities of abandoned Iraqi weaponry, also in poor condition, because of the sun. This summer will be a very testing time for everyone working out here." In one bunker, we found

tins containing 2,000 bullets for Kalashnikovs and many grenades lying dangerously with their pins still protruding. In nearby bunkers, Ku-waitis with pick-up trucks were pilfering, apparently oblivious to the danger. British experts dismissed as

low the latest Kuwaiti figures showing that 1,420 civilians, many of them children, have been killed or wounded by left-over mines and ammunition. Among those killed were 84 foreign explosives experts trying to make the left-overs safe. Two hundred people are said to have died last Decem-

UN envoy arms cuts

Baghdad: Rolf Ekeus, the UN envoy in charge of disarming Iraq, arrived in Baghdad to discuss allegations that the government is obstructing efforts to scrap its most lethal weapons.

He said that he hoped "to bring home to the Iraqi side" the contents of a security council resolution on February 19 warning Baghdad of "serious consequences" if it did not co-operate. (Reuter)

Arabs backed

Peking: Li Peng, the Chinese prime minister, reaffirmed Peking's support for the Arab and Palestinian cause, a month after it set up diplomatic ties with Israel, and said that China would participate in the Middle East peace process. (Reuter)

Soldiers sent

Cairo: Iran has sent 18,000 troops to Sudan to back the junta against the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army since President Rafsanjani visited Khartoum in December, exiled members of the opposition National Democratic Rally said. (AFP)

Algiers calm

Algiers: The Algerian capital was quiet yesterday, the first time in a month that Friday prayers has not been a pre inde to violence. Many people chose to pray in local mosques rather than those that have been centres of political activity. (AP)

Chad killings

Ndjamena: A raid by armed uniformed men on a police station in the Chad capital left 13 people dead. The attack came on the fourth day the opposition after the assassination of Joseph Behidi, a human rights lawyer. (AP)

Baby sale ban

Colombo: The Sri Lankan parliament has passed a law to stop the sale of babies for adoption by foreigners. The law targeted "baby farms" that buy babies from single mothers for 1,000 rupees (£14) and sell them for 25,000 rupees. (AP)

Kuwaitis adopt babies of rape

Christopher Walker in Kuwait finds that the children of Iraqi troops have sympathy from the emirate's people

KUWAITI couples are queuing up to adopt illegitimate babies born after Iraq's occupation, most of them the offspring of rapes carried out by the pillaging army driven out

a year ago next week. Western observers say that the enthusiasm of the Kuwaitis to overcome the normal Islamic reticence about adoption has been one of the most heartening by-products of the conflict. Normally, only ten children a year were given up for adoption in the emirate, whose orphanages are very well managed. But since the Iraqis were driven out, 59 children have gone to foster homes, including all 45 adopted temporarily dur-

ing the occupation.

Doctors have been trying to reduce international and nestic media interest in one of the war's unhappiest egacies, the children whose forced Iraqi parenthood threatens to blight their future. At the Dar al-Tufulah orphanage, isolated on the outskirts of Kuwait City, staff flatly refuse to discuss the origin of the babies, often dumped beside mosques and police stations by mothers afraid of rejection as rape victims in a conservative Islamic society.

"We do not want these children to be labelled as being connected in any way with the Iraqis, otherwise society will come to hate them," said Dr Essa al-Sadi, the director of orphanages. "As far as we are concerned, they are all orphans and we ask no further questions." The doctors have been helped because Iraqis and Kuwaitis look similar. Names are chosen for the children which give no hint of their origin. So far, the doctors' fears

have proved groundless: Kuwaitis are often well aware how many of the orphans were conceived. But they have not been deterred from wanting to foster them. Social workers believe that

about 500 women were raped during the sevenmonth occupation, some repeatedly and with great brutality in retaliation for the help that they or male relatives gave to the resistance. about 40 per cent of whose members were women. After the occupation, panic

spread among many of the rape victims who found they were pregnant. Most went abroad for secret abortions, banned under Islam. Adoption in the Western sense is also forbidden, but a form of fostering known as hadanah. in which a child can be taken in, but not take the family name or join the line of inheritance, is allowed. Social ignominy prevented

most of those who continued their pregnancies from coming to the orphanage in person. Some left their babies in hospitals after checking in under false names and others dumped them in public places where they could be quickly discovered.

Although stremuous efforts are being made to play down the background of the illegitimate war babies, staff fear that in later life they will discover the truth.

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Right-wing whites prepare for last stand in referendum

FROM GAVIN BELL IN JOHANNESBURG

RIGHT-WING whites in South Africa are preparing for a showdown with the government, convinced that their survival as a separate "nation" is at stake.

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The forthcoming referendum on constitutional reforms is viewed in conservative white communities as a political last stand against the threat of black majority rule. If they fail to halt the reform process, they see their options limited to either emigration or armed revolt.

In Welkom, a gold-mining town in the platteland of the Orange Free State, residents are comparing the referendum with the epic battles of their forefathers against indigenous Africans in the last

"This is make or break for us," says Hennie Muller, a supporter of the far-right Conservative party. "If we lose this one, what will happen to us? Where can we go? Listen, the white people of South Africa will never accept black majority rule. Never, it's impossible."

Mr Muller and his friends welcome the referendum. confident that whites will reject President de Klerk's attempts to negotiate an interim power-sharing ar-

rangement with black leaders. "We feel very good about it, because we are going to win and take over the government. If we lose, there will be a hell of a fight, my friend," he said.

The right-wing backlash is being taken seriously by the African National Congress. which shares the government's view that speedy progress in constitutional negotations is now imperative.

Kader Asmal, an ANC constitutional expert participating in the negotiations, told foreign correspondents yes-terday: "We are conscious of the threat. The capacity of the extreme right wing to unleash violence is unlimited. Part of the response must be to shorten the transition period. Time is not on our side; we should move quickly to reach

Mr. Asmal said the ANC was prepared to instil confidence among whites with guarantees of constitutional rights, employment and sec-urity which would be beyond the whims of any majority government. However, it was having difficulty putting its message across because of bias against it in the state

The referendum is expected to be held next month, before the second plenary session of the constitutional negotiations (Codesa), and possibly before the budget is announced on March 18.

Mr de Klerk wants the poli to be conducted on the basis of a simple majority, while Andries Treurnicht, the Con-servative leader, is demanding that it be held under the electoral constituency system which analysts say would favour the right wing.

They are also squabbling over what question the refer-endum should ask. Dr Treurnicht says it should not be who should represent whites at Codesa, because his party has no intention of participating in the negotiating forum as constituted.

Mr de Klerk says vaguely that the question will be phrased in such a way that all those who are in favour of the negotiations will be able to continue supporting them. The conventional wisdom is that the government will win the referendum with the sup-port of liberals in the Democratic party, but that the result will be close.

In London, the Foregn Office said the British government had consistently taken the view that it is for all South Africans to decide together on the future of their country. A Foreign Office spokesman said: "We have constantly supported the search for agreement on a non-racial. democratic South Africa. The path of reform on which South Africa has embarked is the only course which will achieve her full re-integration into the international community and enable her to

• Cape Town: At least four people have been killed and 150 homes burnt in the latest clash between residents of a Black City squatter camp and feuding taxi operators. The the rival Webta and Lagunya taxi associations are battling for control of the commuter terminus in the nearby Nyanga township. (Reuter)

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Bush rival forces hotel showdown

The president is facing the "ships that pass in the night" routine with Pat Buchanan on the election trail in Charleston, Peter Stothard reports

President Bush came a step closer to engaging his upstart Republican challenger, Patrick Bu-chanan, yesterday — not merely referring to him by name but appearing at the same hotel.

This was not what the president had planned. Mr Bush, supported by his cabinet and the entire Re-publican establishment of South Carolina, was here to address the more than 1,000 Southern volunteers he hopes will deliver him victory in the next round of primary elections. Mr Buchanan, who is struggling as an outsider in the same primary campaigns, was not invited to yesterday's

Southern Republican Leadership Conference. The challenger came, however, and loomed around the corridors. A man who has just won 37 per cent of the New Hamp-shire primary vote looms heavily. As Mr Bush talked shalled here by his friend and campaign chairman, Governor Carroll Camp-bell, Mr Buchanan talked

to the press and to any delegate who wanted to hear him.

This "ships in the night" routine, as one delegate described it, high-light with the content of th lights the problem which the White House faces in dealing with Mr Buchan-an. Immediately after his New Hampshire setback, the president spoke of end-ing his "kinder gentler" ap-proach to the former speech-writer and presi-dential aide whom many senior officials still see as a rebellious servant. The

mary politics. A new poll by CNN and USA Today showed a continuing fall to 39 per cent in those approving his performance in office. His advisers now believe that directly confronting Mr Buchanan ("getting down in the mud" as they put it) will weaken Mr Bush still further. The

is to rely on its greatly superior political machinery in the South, which is nowhere more apparent than in South Carolina, the state that led the president to his decisive Southern victory in 1988 and is expected to do similar duty this

The Buchanan campaign must contend here with a political system which respects power almost as much as New Hampshire likes to undermine it. The president has the backing of all 56 Republican state

M r Buchanan has somehow to appeal directly to the voters, who unless they have access to his cable television talk show, may have little idea who he is.

In 1988 Mr Bush's Southern organisation. and his position as the Reagan heir, helped him defeat both the mild proand the fiery moral rhetoric of the Rev Patrick Rob-ertson. This year, facing both Mr Buchanan and the untried opposition of for-mer Ku Klux Klan wizard David Duke, he is relying more on organisation than

ideology. Mr Duke was also due to appear here yesterday but changed his mind, heightening the suspicion that the two are playing "team tag" with the president, allowing each other the turn to try to land body blows.



Buchanan: voters may have little idea of him

Bloom of health: Dizzy Gillespie, the jazz trumpeter, aged 74, leaving a hospital

in Berkeley, California, with flowers after being treated for exhaustion

PEOPLE

Tyson victim says \$1m was offered

beauty queen Mike Tyson was convicted of raping, says she was offered \$1 million to drop charges against him but would have settled for a simple apology from the former

heavyweight champion. The college student who pressed the charges against Tyson made the comments in an interview with the ABC television network, to be shown last night. She said that she had pitied him, and "if he had admitted he had a problem and said, 'get me some help'. I wouldn't have gone through this trial".

Actor Tom Selleck, known for his conservative politics, is giving \$1,000 (£572) donations to several presidential candidates in both parties. Democrat Jerry Brown declined, saving he has pledged his presidential campaign will only accept donations of \$100 or less. Mr Selleck, who starred in the television series Magnum PI and the film Three Men and a Baby, said: 'I think his refusal is a

Actress Glenda Jackson was accused of using dirry tricks in her attempt to become an MP. Her Tory opponent says he has been smeared in a leaflet. Jackson said Oliver Letwin was an extreme right winger, who had been the architect of Margaret Thatcher's poll tax. She also said he wanted outright privatisation of the health service with patients being charged for treatment. Mr

was distasteful and untrue.

Okko and Riga Reussien. who have 64 apes and monkeys and run the Age Foundation, received an eviction notice to make way for a road through their refuge for animals confiscated by Dutch customs. The council of Amstelveen, the Amsterdam suburb, has offered to help to pay for their move to unoccu-pied farmland nearby.

Javier Pèrez de Cuellar, the former UN secretary-general has been named the winner of this year's Four Freedoms award, the Roosevelt Studies Centre said. The award com-memorates Franklin D. Roosevelt's landmark "Four Freedoms" speech of 1941.

The former Soviet president. Mikhail Gorbachev, will write a monthly column for The New York Times syndication service, the paper said. He would deal with such issues as the future of communism, the Gulf war and relations between the Kremlin and the Porc.

President Balaguer of the Dominican Republic has defended the construction of a huge \$9 million (£5.2 million) lighthouse honeuring explorer Christopher Columbus on the 500th anniversary of his voyage to the New World. Opponents say it is an extravagance for a poor nation.

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White House strategy now

Cancer kills sinister architect of Salvadorean death squads

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN NEW YORK

MAJOR Roberto D'Aubuisson, the handsome strongman of El Salvador's political scene and the figure behind its notorious death squads. has died in San Salvador at the age of 48. He had had throat cancer for two years.

Charismatic, brilliant and one of the most sinister figures in Latin American politics; he was a young security forces officer when he became the visible leader of the violent far-right forces, supported by the military and large land owners, which came under siege from marxist guerrillas in the late 1970s.

His death, a month after a historic treaty ended Central America's bloodiest civil war. was hailed by the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front's guerrilla army as "an act of divine justice in this moment of national reconciliation". But President Cristiani, who emerged from Major d'Aubuisson's own Arena

party, said that he was "one of the fundamental people in seeing to it that we are now enjoying democracy". Revered by many in El Sal-

vador as a relentless crusader against communism and the epitome of Latin American masculinity. Major D'Aubuisson was said by international bodies and senior US officials to have been the mastermind of the shadowy squads which murdered thousands of people, including Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero, in the early 1980s. He and other rightwing officers were arrested in May 1980 for allegedly plotting a coup but he was freed in days. Documents found at the farm where he was arrested implicated him in

Robert White, the American ambassador under President Carter, called Major D'Aubuisson a "pathological killer with a sick mind". The

Romero's death.

Reagan administration viewed him as an embarrassment to efforts to promote a democratic government of the centre and banned him from entry to America, where he had trained in security police work. In 1984 the Reagan administration said his associates had been involved in a plot to kill Thomas Pickering, the then US ambassador who is now Washington's envoy to the United Nations.

denied having links to the Romero killing or the death squads and blamed many of the accusations on the international press. He boasted he knew only one phrase in English, but the most important: "I hate The Washington Post." In recent years he retired behind the scenes as Señor Cristiarti adopted a more flexible approach to healing national wounds.

Major D'Aubuisson always

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Tourist video could tip balance in Malta poll

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN VALLETTA

A BRITISH tourist who videoed one of the few violent incidents in an otherwise peaceful campaign for today's general election in Malta may have tipped the closerun contest in favour of the ruling Nationalist party.

The five-week campaign ended on Thursday night in a carnival atmosphere with thousands of supporters of the Nationalists and their Labour opponents touring the country in open-topped buses and lorries painted in the parties' colours, blaring

horns and snarling up traffic. Previous elections in Malta had been marred by shooting incidents between militants. But the campaign for today's polls, which were called earlier than necessary by Eddie Fenech Adami, the Nationalist prime minister, has been the quietest in decades.

On Sunday, however, trouble began when rival electioneering motorcades from the conservative Nationalists and the socialist Labour party drove into each other at the town of Sliema on the outskirts of the capital Valletta. A British tourist who has asked not to be identified used his video camera to capture footage of Labour party militants vandalising shops in Sliema, a Nationalist stronghold.

The Nationalists' public relations machine somehow obtained the video and distributed copies at a press conference. Malta's broadcasting authority persuaded Maltese television not to show the film on news bulletins but the Nationalists were able to have it televised during their party political broadcasts.

One diplomat remarked: "The incident enabled the Nationalists to present themselves as the party of social peace. Because a British passer-by filmed the episode the Labour party could not claim it was set up by the National-

ist dirty tricks department." The Nationalists have been in power since 1987 and hope to increase their slender parliamentary majority before the recession reaches Malta. Observers say Carmelo Mifsud Bonnici, the leader of the Labour party, conducted a lacklustre carnpaign accusing the Nationalists of corruption, without suggesting convincing policies of his own.

The two parties are neckand-neck and Nationalist campaign managers fear their supporters could become complacent. Some pundits believe that unusually bad weather on polling day could favour the Labour party, whose voters are generally better disciplined to brave the

Malta's formal application, lodged in 1990 by the Nationalist government, to join the European Community has been a key issue in the campaign. The Labour party says it is not in Malta's interests to become a full member of the Community and that the country should seek a bigger role in the Mediterranean and North Africa.

Some observers believe the prime minister wanted to have the polls, not due until October, out of the way before possible UN sanctions are implemented against Libya. The Labour party has said it would not support sanctions if elected because they would damage trade and deprive Air Malta of lucrative revenue from the air route to Tripoli. The Nationalists have indicated they would support sanctions but also are worried they could threaten Maltese

The Nationalist government has rescinded military clauses in a 1984 co-operation treaty with Libya. But Libyans can still enter Malta without visas or passports. Libyan investment in the Maltese tourist industry is strong and Malta recently opened a supermarket in Lib ya selling exclusively Maltese

The first results in the election are expected on Monday afternoon since counting is carried out by hand.



Burnt out: black smoke billowing this week in Seville from the "Pavilion of the Discoveries", constructed for the Expo '92 world fair beginning in April. The fire destroyed the building that was to commemorate key discoveries since Columbus went to the New World in 1492

Expo '92 flames touch a raw nerve

IT has been a bad week for Spanish pride. First, one of the main pavilions of Expo '92 in Seville was gutted by fire. Then Basque terrorists killed two civilians in a car bomb attack in the northern

city of Santander. The only good news has been the bronze medal won by Blanca Fernández Ochoa, the Spanish skier, in the women's special slalom at the winter Olympics in Albertville. But the fact that a bronze medal should be celebrated as if it were a double gold speaks volumes about the state of the nation's mental preparedness for what is supposed to be its year of wonders.
"All you have to do now is

light up a cigar," an Expo official in Seville said, "and you will be surrounded by firemen." In the wake of the fire that destroyed the Discoveries Pavilion - the showpiece of the universal exposition, the main theme of which is "the age of discoveries" — it is perhaps understandable that something like a "psychosis of fire" should now be raging through the site of Expo. Forty-eight hours after the

difficult to deal with in what was supposed to be a special year for Spain, Frank Smith writes

The psychosis of terror is proving

Discoveries Pavilion went up in flames on Tuesday, another pall of smoke was seen rising over the Expo site. The fire service arrived promptly, only to discover that a group of workmen intent, they said, on keeping warm, had started a small fire in a builder's skip. But the way officials stopped journalists getting to the scene shows a raw nerve has

been exposed.
With only 57 days to go to the official opening of Expo, the biggest damage done by the flames has been to the confidence of the organisers of what. Emilio Cassinello. the commissioner-general, says was supposed to have been "a magic mirror" on modern Spain. It has be-come clear that, in the lastminute rush to get things ready on time, dangerous short cuts are being taken and "Spanish customs" being resorted to. A lot of work

is yet to be done. The interiors of many pavilions are unfinished, their contents and furniture not installed. The rush is increasing costs enormously. Contractors are said to be asking-double pay to work faster. When Expo opens, it will have cost more than £1 billion — three times

the original estimate.

But it is the psychosis of terror that is much more difficult to deal with. With its latest outrage in Santander, the Basque terrorist group. Eta. has again shown that it is determined to spoil 1992. It matters little that its targets are not always where the big celebrations will take place. Santander, Valencia and Murcia - three of the cities where Eta has struck recently - have nothing to do with the Olympic Games or Expo. But wherever a bomb explodes and people are killed the effect is devastat-

ing. This week, the Japanese authorities warned their citizens thinking of visiting the Olympics or Expo that Spain would be a dangerous place. The government of the prime minister, Felipe González, was furious with

Even the normally ebullient Pasqual Maragall, the socialist mayor of Barcelona, was forced to concede, after the Madrid car bomb which killed five people two weeks ago, that the five month run-up to the Olym-



González: furious at

pics would be a nervous, tense period because of the threat of terrorism.

Possible violence is the biggest doubt in Barcelona. as the world's attention shifts from the winter Olympics to the summer Olympics, which start in the Catalan capital on July 25.

"The games have been a pretext". Señor Maragall, aged 50, says. "to mobilise all the energies that lay dormant in this city." Under the his stewardship Barcelona has witnessed a huge development programme, paid for mostly by public money, and it has been done with style. Some of the world's best architects, including Sir Norman Foster, Arata Isozaki, Frank Gehry and Ricardo Bofill, of Catalonia. have left their mark on a city that clearly has pretensions which go beyond the 16 days that the Olympic competitions games will last.

During the games, the Spanish defence ministry is sending 9,000 troops to help the police with security arrangements.

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Republics to stand by arms timetable

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London: The former Soviet republics agreed yesterday to put a key treaty limiting con-ventional armed forces in Europe into force by mid-July. (Our Foreign Staff write). The republics committed themselves to the deadline at a meeting at Nato headquarters to discuss the Conventional Forces in Europe (CFE) treaty, widely seen as the cornerstone of stability in post-Cold War Europe. The 11 republics are also

expected to be admitted to Nato's co-operation council next month. The council, grouping Nato and members of the former Warsaw Pact, will meet on March 10, and is likely also to admit Georgia. which is not a member of the Commonwealth of Independent States, provided there is an end to the fighting there. Manfred Worner, the Nato secretary-general, is likely to discuss the composition of the council during talks to be held soon in Russia, Ukraine

Honecker fate

Moscow: Russia said that Erich Honecker, the former East German leader, said to be suffering cancer and kid-ney trouble, had failed to respond to an offer of hospital treatment, and that his fate lay in the hands of Germany and Chile. (Reuter)

Croatia vote

New York: The United Nations Security Council was due to vote to send more than 13,000 soldiers to Croatia, including 1,200 support troops from Britain. The operation will be the first UN peacekeeping mission on the European mainland.

Border toll

Sofia: Bulgarian border guards killed 444 people trying to flee the former Communist state after 1946. Dimitar Ludjev, the defence minister, said 339 were killed between 1946 and 1985, and 105, including 36 foreigners, died after 1985. (Reuter)

Soviet files

Moscow: Over 30 million documents from the Soviet Communist party archives will soon be available to the general public at a documentation centre. The files date from 1952 to last August, when the party was banned after the aborted coup. (AFP)

Racism returns

Paris: Gypsies in Eastern Europe are suffering nationalistic prejudice and racial violence reminiscent of the Nazi era, Gypsy leaders from Hungary, Romania, Czecho-slovakia and Russia said when they met for a seminar on their plight. (AP)

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Coalition intact Helsinki: The Finnish centreright coalition government defeated by 101 votes to 86 a no-confidence motion, intro-duced by the opposition Social Democrats over economic policy. Unemployment has risen by 110 per cent since last January. (AFP)

Vienna: Scientists from Oxford and Zurich universities say carbon dating tests indicate with 95 per cent certainty that the well-preserved remains of a late Stone Age man found in an alpine glacier last year are about 5,300 years old. (Reuter)

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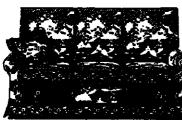
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Azerbaijan mobilises as rockets pound enclave

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

PRESIDENT Mutalibov of Azerbaijan yesterday ordered a partial mobilisation of his country's armed forces as rocket fire pounded the dis-puted mainly Armenian enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh,

news agencies reported. People aged between 20 and 40 with qualifications needed by the army would be called up, the Interfax agency reported. It did not say what backgrounds were being sought or how many men

The mobilisation decree came just a day after the foreign ministers of Armenia and Azerbaijan agreed on the need for a ceasefire in a conflict that has claimed more than a thousand lives in over four years of fighting.

Azerbaijan has controlled Nagorno-Karabakh since 1923. The fight with Armenia for its control is the deadliest dispute in the former Soviet Union. Interfax reported that Azerbaijani forces fired 32 mis-

siles on Stepanakert, the Nagorno-Karabakh capital, on Thursday night. The number of casualties was unknown, it said. Interfax and Itar-Tass said Agdam and Hojaly and a number of Azerbaijani villages in districts bordering Armenia also came under

Itar-Tass said the attack on Hojaly continued into Friday morning. It quoted Azerbaijan's interior ministry as saying the attack was preceded by several hours of artillery and missile assaults from nearby Armenian villages. The agency said Hojaly was badly damaged and several civilians were killed and wounded. Many buildings

besieged by Armenian detachments, preventing the evacuation of wounded Raghim Gaziyev, chief defence officer in the Azer-

baijani-dominated town of

were on fire and the town was

Shusha, told Interfax that the shelling of Azerbaijani vil-lages involved tanks and armoured vehicles belonging to a motorised infantry regiment of the Commonwealth of Independent States. Both the Armenian side and the commonwealth armed forces are denying the regiment's involvement, Interfax said. Marshal Yevgeni Shaposh-nikov, the commonwealth military commander, earlier this week urged his forces not to get involved. He said he was prepared to withdraw commonwealth troops from Nagorno-Karabakh unless there was a ceasefire.

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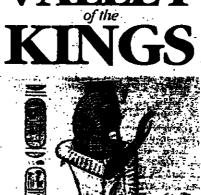
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Lager-inspired philosophy on the succession and earthy hospitality greet royal couple in Outback dustbowl

Sleepy town wakes up to welcome the Queen

LOLLING on the veranda outside the Amaroo hotel in Dubbo, a dusty country town of 35,000 lost in the vast immensities of the Australian Outback, three jackaroos were getting stuck into their lifth "juggies" of the morning. Bigger than a pint, big-ger still than a "pot", the juggies of ice-cold Castlemaine lager, combined with the 110F temperatures, were causing faces to redden and tongues to loosen.

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"Nah. that Queen of yours. She should let Charlie Boy 'ave à go. I reckon he'd be better at it," roared Jeff, wiping the sweat from under his hat rim with the front tails of his shirt and revealing a vast and dust-encrusted belly. His neighbour punched it hard, in jest, and reminded him that "their royal hoynesses will be 'ere soon. That's not polite, mate."

All the rest of Dubbo had turned out brimming with pride and dressed in their Sunday best. Elderly ladies in print dresses vied for posit-ions in the shade of the tall, old eucalyptus trees and men in spruce shorts, long socks and lace-ups were left to control the excited children, who darred in and out between legs, wearing miniature bush hats, their noses anointed with white sunblock cream.

"She's in blue today, grandma," piped up a small boy as the royal cavalcade drew up beside the freshly painted bandstand and the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh emerged, followed by a small crocodile of over-cooked private secretaries and their secretaries, flushed equerries, and some burly bodies from

Special Branch. Dubbo, the sleepy dustbowl town that exists to satisfy once-a-month shopping sprees by farmers from outlying districts, had not seen anything like it for years. Only a few could recall when the Queen last came face to face with Dubbo's earthy hospitality during her first visit to

Local dignitaries, ladies in their best, and a mob of excited children give the monarch and her entourage a day to remember, writes Joanna Pitman from Dubbo

ional dish. Over."

ea. and she has a chance to

meet her teachers just once a

year. The rest of the time, her

school work arrives by mail at

three-week intervals, along

with the household's supplies

of sugar and salt. Her mother

ensures that she is tuned in at

the right time each day for

chemistry, which takes place

on the kitchen table, or wood-

work, which happens on the

After lunch among impor-

tant Dubbo dignitaries at the

back veranda.

Australia as monarch in 1954. Yesterday, she bearned through what must have been the ninth rendition since her arrival of Waltzing Matilda and then edged her security guards a little bit closer to coronaries as she marched out to greet the crowds.

Joyce and Brian Edwards, an Aboriginal couple who had made their once a year journey into Dubbo yesterday from their home 200 miles away, were overjoyed. "We live right out in the nevernever land. We're real isolated, but we wanted to come and say g'day to the Queen." But their trip to Dubbo was short compared to that of the Stevensons, who had left their 45,000-acre property, 500 miles away, two days earlier to reach Dubbo on time. "Our property isn't really that big. There are some of 200 or 300 square miles out where we are. We come into Dubbo once every couple of months.

up we just have to wait."
The Stevensons are too isolated even for their children to attend school. Instead they are being educated by radio on "School of the Air". Dubbe's School for Distance Education, the nearest broadcasting station, was next on the Queen's itinerary.

for supplies, but if the river's

Sitting in a studio decorat ed with finger-paintings sent in by the pupils, the royal couple spoke to some thirdgrade children by two-way radio. Emily, from Bullaroa, called to ask: "What's your favourite food, Your Majesty? Over." The Queen replied that she likes: "All kinds of food. Over." The Duke of Edinburgh could not resist a small dig at his hosts, and said he likes the food of the country he is in, but he was

driven out past sprawling tinroofed bungalows, each car throwing up great swirling eddies of russet dust in its trail from the baked earth tracks. Four thousand fractious children had been waiting for not sure "if there is such a them for four hours at thing as an Australian nat-Dubbo's Western Plains Zoo. Worked up into a frenzy by a Emily became excited at headmaster calling himself the "cluster director", the orthis and jammed the airwaves for a while with little gasps. derly cluster suddenly transperhaps because her normal life is so unexciting. She has formed itself into a tiny screaming mob as the never met most of her class-Queen's open-topped Land-Rover approached, and dozmates, some of whom live as far away as Papua New Guin-

town hall, the royal party was

heat and the emotion of it all. "She's real hot stuff," was the verdict of David Pearce, a freckled, gap-toothed ten-year-old, who lent his raucous voice to the tenth rendition of Waltzing Matilda and then raced round to the side of the crowd to catch a glimpse of the Queen receiving perhaps the most awkward souvenirs of her trip - Tilly, a handraised koala bear, and Bart, a young orphaned wombat.

ens of pig-tailed girls col-

lapsed under the strain of the



Heads for heat: the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh arrive in an open Land-Rover at the Western Plains Zoo, Dubbo, New South Wales, yesterday under a blistering sun, during their seven-day visit to Australia

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Bombers raise Chinese fears

Catherine Sampson reports from Peking that a spate of explosions has aroused fears of an Islamic separatist revival on the western border

Police in Urumqi, a city in western China. have been put on alert after a bombing campaign that has reawak-ened Peking's fear of separatist unrest in the predominantly Muslim region of Xinjiang, bor-dering the newly independent republics of Central

The spectre of Islamic revivalism spreading from Kazakhstan, Kirghi-zia and Tajikstan has made Peking conduct its relations with the former Soviet republics with great caution. On Mon-day, Tere Scenko, the prime minister of Kazakhstan, will arrive in Peking for a four-day visit. His talks are expected to focus on cross-border contacts. Trade has been growing since Moscow lost its hold on the Muslim republics, but Peking fears this may lead to easier access for religious fer-

vour and weapons. In the latest incident, a bomb exploded on a bus. injuring 26 people. Two other bombs were planted on the same day, one in a cinema and the other on another bus, but they are not believed to have

caused any injuries. Urumqi, capital of Xinjiang, has often been shaken by protests and riots against Peking's rule, but this is the first known case of terrorist bombings in the region. It is not clear whether the bombs were planted by

separatists. China's state-run media have not mentioned the bombings, although they happened almost three weeks ago at Chinese new year. The first reports of the 15 million immi-

mats in Peking, who said the attacks appeared to be part of an organised campaign. Chinese offici-als refused to comment yesterday, but one Westerner in Urumqi said the police were on the streets

in large numbers.

A few days after new year, the Xinjiang daily newspaper said a "small handful of people" want-ed to cause trouble, but that they could not avoid capture. It did not refer directly to the bombings, but said that troublemakers would be under surveillance.

About 50 people died police fired at pro-independence rioters in Baren, a town 150 miles from what was then the Soviet border. Peking was alarmed by reports that separatists had smuggled weapons into Xinjiang with the help of Muslim fundamentalists in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Tensions in the region stem from 1881, when China and the Russian Empire split what was once East Turkestan between them. China took Xinjiang, while the bordering areas of Kazakh-stan, Kirghizia and Tajikstan were taken over by Russia. All share a predominantly Uighur, Turkic-speaking population and culture. About 3,000 Chinese Uighurs fled to the Soviet republics in 1948 and during the persecution of the Cultural

Revolution. While there has been massive Han Chinese immigration into Xinjiang since 1949, seven million me from Western diplogrants are Muslims.

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St Augustine's fears still rule in the High Court

he Spanish general Maximus wrote to Pope Siricius in AD 385 to explain why he had killed the bishop Priscillian, to whom belongs the distinction of being the first Christian ever to be executed for heresy. Priscillian had admitted "shameful things of which we cannot speak without blushing". and furthermore he was a Manichee, Maximus told the Pope.

So began in Christendom the long association between sexual deviancy and the criminal law in the name of morality and religion. Religion may have been present only at one remove in the judgment of the Court of Appeal this week in a case concerning a group of homosexual sado-masochists, but morality was there in force. And the morality in question was in direct line of descent from the reasoning of Maximus.

The Manichees still haunt Western culture They provided the occasion for two formative episodes in the shaping of the European view of sex and marriage, the first at the time of St Augustine of Hippo, a contemporary of Maxi-mus and Priscillian, and the second in the 12th century, when Manicheeism reappeared in Europe in the Cathar movement. On both occasions church and state fiercely repudiated Manichean beliefs, in the 12th century with the gross savagery of the Albigensian Crusade. On both occasions sexual deviance was taken as a sign of doctrinal deviance and heresy (one of the reasons "unnatural" sex was punished so severely). Western cultural repugnance at homosexuality may be dated from the latter episode: "bugger comes from Bulgaria, from where Albigensianism was supposed to have spread westwards.

n doctrine rather than politics, however, being either pro or anti Manichee was not simple. There was a profound ambivalence about sex in Manichean thinking, just as there was in the response. The Manichees believed that sex for reproductive purposes was wrong, for the strange reason that reproduction imprisoned "light", thought to be one of the two principles which warred for ascendancy on earth (the other being "darkness"). To avoid having babies and trapping the light, therefore, some Manichess favoured total abstinence. But others favoured all and any form of sexual activity provided conception was not possible. This was the "lust" of which the Manichees were accused.

In opposition to this, Augustine (himself an ex-Manichee) developed the doctrine that sexual desire or activity was lustful — and hence bad — if it did not serve the purposes of reproduction. His morality was therefore the exact opposite of Manichean sexual ethics. And Augustine's influence on sexual ethics can still be felt today.

To the contemporary question, when is sexual arousal good and when is it not, the law of England, according to the Court of Appeal on Wednesday, gives exactly the same answer as Augustine in the fourth century. In the recent case, a group of men had admitted inflicting pain and injury on each other, with mutual consent, for the sake of the sexual pleasure it gave them. But their behaviour was criminal under the Offences Against the Person Act of 1861, the court held, if they were acting "for no good reason". And "satisfying of sado-masochistic libido did not come within the category of good reason", said the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Lane.

ost reactions to this judgment (as to the original conviction) seemed to be of amazed disbelief, because what was selfevident to Lord Lane and the two accompanying judges had not even occurred to most people as a possibility. Most people thought that with the onset of the permissive society in the early 1960s. British law and morality had finally shaken off St British law and morality had finally shaken off St Augustine and the Manichees, and that the idea of "shameful things of which we cannot speak without blushing" had been dumped. Not by the Court of Appeal, evidently.

The reason Augustinianism has proved so persistent may be that while Augustine was officially anti-Manichean, some of their ideas surgicular in his thinking and how been according to the country of the countr

survived in his thinking and have been passed down too. These ideas seem to appeal to something latent in human psychology, like a key which fits a lock. One Manichean text from Egypt, in a book called the Kephalaia, boldly declares: "It is good to hate one's body," and Augustine too seemed close to hating his body, but because so many of its impulses were bad. In essence, the result of this inheritance is the widespread notion, still betrayed in the smirks, giggles and laws of a not yet permissive society, that sex is dirty. And it still claims its victims.

The Baltic states are being asked to give democratic rights to their former oppressors, says Michael Binyon

ricade the streets, blocking the entrance to Latvia's parliament. Their political message is stark: "Red Army go home," demand the graffiti. In Lithuania's parliament, sandbags are piled in the corridors. where they will stay until the Soviet army pulls out of the Baltic states. Meanwhile the deputies in Riga, Vilnius and Tallinn argue over the problem threatening to undermine their countries' independence and sabotage economic reform: should the Russians in their midst be granted full citizenship? Must the oppressed grant equal rights

Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia are now free, democratic states, anxious to rejoin Europe. But their fragile independence is threatened by the garrisons around their capitals, where 120,000 Soviet soldiers remain encamped. Economic advance is being held back by a rouble currency they can neither throw off nor stabilise and a communist system that meant 95 per cent of their trade was with the Soviet Union. The democracy they so spiritedly proclaim is struggling to rebuild nations

to their former oppressors?

Unable to forgive or forget of Estonia and which were virtually erased by exiled thousands 50 years of occupation. Until the three republics deof others. Moscow sent in waves of Russians to swamp

cide who their citizens should be, they cannot advance. Their constitutions remain temporary. their laws unclear, their property reforms frozen. Foreign capital will not flow in until investors know who owns what. Western Europe will not welcome the three into its councils until it is satisfied that human rights are upheld and the rights of minorities guaranteed. The simplest solution would

be to grant citizenship, pass-ports and the vote to all those who were living in the Baltics on August 20, the day the Moscow coup collapsed and the republics broke free. History, demography and emotion make this impossible. During their occupation. Baltic peoples suffered death, deportation, enforced immigration and cultural oppression which has permanently changed them. Stalin killed almost a fifth of the population the restless local people. Lithuania managed to keep outsiders at bay. and 80 per cent of its 3.7 million people are Lithuanian. Tiny Estonia fared less well:

more than a third of its 1.7 million people came from outside. In Latvia the huge influx has left the Latvians a minority in their own land and left the Latvian language almost as weak as Welsh. Riga, a city of almost one million, is 70 per cent Russian. Many were com-munists who settled in the

For the Russians, life was good in the Baltics. Army officers and their families remained in retirement, enjoying the

houses of those deported to



ative prosperity. the Western atmosphere. At present some 45.000 live in Latvia alone. Their sons and daughters, born in the Baltics and loyal to their native land, never thought of themseives as occupiers. Few want to emigrate: most have

nowhere to go in Russia. Some are hastily learning the local language, knowing this will be a condition of catzenship. Others are rallying behind the former communists: who have cynically transformed themselves into Equal Rights parties. Most, however, are in psychological turmoil, racked by guilt and political division. "We felt that we were living here as in our own country," said a Russian deputy to the Lithuanian pardeputy to the Lithuanian par-liament. "Now we are cut dents and prime ministers this

beaches, the rel- off, outside Russia's borders. The three governments insist they are committed to tolerance. All draw the line however at embracing those who enforced Soviet power, and will deny citizenship to army families and the KGB. How strict should conditions be for other Russians? Estonia has revived its citizenship laws of 1938; Latvia is insisting on 16 years' residence: Lithuania is more relaxed, but is suspicious of its Polish minority around Vilnius, which was Pol-

> The West, guilty at its long acquiescence in the Soviet occupanon, has a deep interest in helping the tmy republics. All have applied for membership of the Council of Europe, the 26member organisation at Strasbourg which represents the values of Western pluralist de-mocracy. All the Baltic states know that the Council would have difficulty accepting dis-

ish until the war.

week admitted to Catherine Lalumière, the Council's energetic secretary-general, that they need Western help in working out constitutional provisions to restore national pride and reinforce their threatened languages without penalising minorities.

Meanwhile the Soviet army casts its shadow over the debate. Its commanders say they will not leave while Russians' rights are threatened, and negotiations, due to begin next week, look like dragging on for years. The Baltics fear that the West, apart from Scandanavia, is preoccupied with the collapse of the Soviet Union and has forgotten them. They want Western aid to Moscow and the republics to be conditional on withdrawal, but so far only Denmark is setting this condition.

Will the Council of Europe understand the wounds left by occupation and accept the Baltics' tough proposals on citizen-ship? The Baltics argue that they need the West's immediate support to enable them to foster democracy. In insisting on tolerance in the Baltics, the West should remember that it has never itself been called upon to demonstrate such forgiveness.

The bomb that never was

Hitler's scientists could have created the atom bomb, but Germany had different goals, writes Nigel Hawkes

veil has been lifted from one of the most intriguing mysteries of the second world war. Why did the Germans, despite a galaxy of brilliant physicists, fail to develop the atom bomb, while the Americans succeeded?

The Nazi failure was providential. It is hardly an exaggera-tion to say that the whole future of the West hung on the out-come of the race going on in secrecy between our scientists and theirs. Much of the frantic energy expended at Los Alamos was fuelled by the justified fear that the Germans would solve the problems first, creating a weapon so terrible that it could end the war at a stroke.

Last weekend, the Public Record Office released a fascinating set of transcripts of bugged conversations between the German physicists when they were interned in 1945 at a house called Farm Hall near Cambridge. The existence of these transcripts has long been known, although feebly denied from time to time by British governments. Finally as a result governments. Finally, as a result of pressure from the presidents of the Royal Society and the British Academy, the Lord Chancellor was persuaded to make them public.

The transcripts were the result of some very devious behaviour by the allies. When the "German professors", as they were known, fell into allied hands at the end of the war in Europe, they were interviewed by the American physicist Sam-uel Goudsmit, who falsely assured them that the Americans had made no progress towards an atom bomb. This was an attempt to draw them out and discover just how far they had got. Recognising Goudsmit as a fellow scientist they took him at

his word, and were consequently stupified when told of the attack on Hiroshima by Major Thomas Rittner, the intelligence officer who looked after them at Farm Hall. (Incidentally, my apologies are due to the late Major Rittner's memory for naming him Hugh in an earlier article, a name his widow tells

me he particularly disliked.)
What they said in the hours after hearing the news makes gripping reading, and helps to tease out the truth from the myths that have grown up since the war. The earliest of these, propounded by Robert Jungk in his bestseller Brighter than a Thousand Suns, was that the German scientists deliberately conspired to prevent Hitler from acquiring the bomb. Jungk portrays them as men brave enough to obey the dictates of their consciences, despite working under a totalization regime; better men, indeed, than those who went to Los Alamos.

The alternative view is that the Germans failed because they made mistakes: less glorious, certainly, but perhaps more plausible. However, it now seems that neither of these explanations is correct. The work of the American historian Mark Walker, which the Farm Hall transcripts do nothing to contradict, suggests that the Germans failed as a result of a classic piece of short-termism of the kind Britain is constantly accused of Professor Walker's work is the basis of a Horizon documentary to be shown on

BBC 2 at 8.10 pm on Monday. The evidence is that the Germans were at least as quick to recognise the importance of the discovery of nuclear fission as the scientists in Britain, France the Allied effort. and America. This is hardly surprising since they included Otto Hahn, the co-discoverer of embarrassment of riches. Not



Well ahead of the Americans by 1941: Otto Hahn, co-discoverer of nuclear fission

nuclear fission, and Werner Heisenberg, both of whom had won Nobel prizes. Heisenberg quickly understood what was needed to make an atom bomb, and by December 1941 the German research was in some respects more advanced than-

In weapons programmes. however, the Germans had an

only, were they developing the bomb, but they also had in train the first cruise missile (the V1), the first ballistic missile (the V2), and the first jet aircraft. The high command was also imbued lightning war that would sweep

German high command took stock. Which of its weapons

programmes could have an impact on the war, assuming that it did not last more than another 18 months? The belief, correct as it turned out, was that if the iwar was not won for Germany

with the idea of Blitzkrieg, the within that time, it would be lost. The scientists replied that it opposition aside. would take at least two walls take at least two walls a result, the project was given a a result, the project was given a low priority just at the moment

when the Allied effort was getting into full swing. As Germany came under increasing Allied bombing, only a project with an urgent claim on men and materiel stood a chance of success. The Germans did not make a bomb, simply because they judged it would take too long.

Primed by Goudsmit to believe that the Allies had made the same decision, the professors at Farm Hall were dumbfounded when they heard the news of Hiroshima. Hahn mocked Heisenberg as a second-rater, while Heisenberg initially thought the whole thing was a bluff. Karl-Friedrick von Weisacker said that if the German effort had started soon enough, it might have been completed by the winter of 1944-5. If so, it might have had a decisive effect on the war, although the Germans scientists thought not. As one of them, Karl Wirtz, put it: "We would have obliterated London and still not have conquered the world, and then they would have

these transcripts transform the his-torian's view? Dr of the conversations has already been reported, in accounts by Goudsmit and by General Leslie Groves, head of the Manhattan Project, who had access to the

The Germans could have succeeded, Dr Walker says, only if the research effort had been increased from 70-odd people in 1941 to the tens of thousands employed by the Americans. Yet ironically, it was the fear that the Nazis would be first that inspired Einstein to write his famous letter to Roosevelt, the letter that gave the project the impetus in America that it lacked in Germany. Suppose instead someone had written such a letter to Hitler. The German professors might have had their own General Groves and an army of helpers. They would probably have succeeded. On such small things does history turn.

...and moreover PHILIP HOWARD

onsidering that the French and English are such close neighbours and that most of the abstract nouns and Latinate verbs in English come from Old French, we misunderstand each other perversely. The French, who used to misconceive us all as Major Thompsons, with bowler hats and stiff-upper-lipped moustaches and copies of *The Times* regimentally folded under our arms, now have a rougher and equally untrue stereotype of the English as all yahoo day-trippers to Calais for le shopping, stocking up with cases of cheap lager until our roof-racks sag, and categorised by the coarse modern French equivalent of Joan of Arc's Goddams, les footoffs.

Some English people remember just enough French from school to work out that a pas de demander of the coarse of the co

deux is a father of twins, coup de grace is a lawnmower, and les crudites are the genitals. The French adopt English words when they have to, but maintain their national pride by pronouncing them in a Frenchified way. So, although they spell him correctly, the French persist in calling the person who serves them drinks on an aeroplane a stewart. A committee has pro-nounced that the word "pipeline", universal in the oil business, must be said in French

not pypeline but peepleen.
The latest Frenglishism is the grotesque supposedly English word pin's, both singular and plural. The French insert as many superfluous apostrophes into their attempts at English as greengrocers. Now, apostrophes in English are a notorious trap, even for native speakers. It is a solecism to put one in Prince's Street, Edinburgh. And, for that matter, why not Prince Street, as in Peterhead? The missing apostrophe is emplained because we trophe is explained because we are dealing not with one prince but two. The title Princes Street was given to the most spectacularly sited street in Western Europe, now as debauched as Oxford Street with tourist tat, in honour of George IIPs two sons, afterwards George IV and the Duke of York. If you wanted an apostrophe, it should Princes' Street. But it can do without one, in apposition.
But in the case of pin's (the

etui, you could say), the comma in the air is a significant clue to what is going on. The pin's is a craze for little brooch-type publicity badges to stick in one's lapel, to announce to the world that one belongs to a particular sporting club, or loves beagles, or has some other fad or weakness. It is too recent to have been recorded in the splendid 1987 Collins-Robert dictionary. Since then a mania for collecting the little badges has spread like wildfire through France. The review L'Express recently devoted a long article to the pin's mania, with pictures of cafe waiters wearing pinned to their waistcoats dozens of pin's given to them by self-advertising

The apostrophe is not a comic

invariable in the plural, and has spawned pin'somania to des-cribe the collection of lapel stickers. A collector is a pin'ser. Here are some recent quotes. From L'Express: "Une distribu-tion de pin's tricolores." On a coupon with a box of chocolates: "Recevez ce pin's de collection avec deux points per pin's."
In France the theory is that

the word came from the States.

as in fraternity pin. But that apparently superfluous apos-trophe is, I think, a little French guide to pronunciation. Without it pins would mean conifers, and would be pronounced with a nasal French twang. The apostrophe tells you both that the "s" is sounded, and that the word is spoken in an English way, to rhyme with beans. These are delicate nuances, because pine is coarse French slang for the penis. Revenir avec la pine sous le brus is modern French idiom to suggest that somebody has suffered a humiliating set-back in amatory affairs. With so many near-homophones floating around, the apostrophe acts as a useful little warning signal about how to pronounce this new word.

Mozart wrote to his father from Paris: "If only this damned French language were not so badly fitted for music." On this topic Wolfgang was wrong. Coleridge got it right: "French is the most perspicuous and pointed language in the world." Pin's is an example of modern French. The apostrophe is not a comic room in the property of punctuation in the punctuation in the property of punctuation in the punctuati

First families stick together

JACKIE KENNEDY ONASSIS. who was so intimately bound up with one of America's greatest legends, has become enthralled by Russia's most enduring 20thcentury myth.

Onassis, who now works in publishing, is currently editing fresh evidence from Russia which suggests that while Tsar Nicholas II's daughter Anastasia was murdered with her parents, another of his four daughters escaped. The widow of President Kennedy has become obsessed with discovering the truth about what happened in the Bolshevik massacre of the Tsar's family in 1918. She plans to publish the research later this year in translation in America, simultaneously with

publication in Russia. The research is the work of Edvard Radzinsky, the Russian historian who ten years ago discovered in previously closed Moscow archives the diaries of the Tsar and Tsarina Alexandra, including entries made by the Romanovs just hours before their execution. Fascinated by what he discovered. Radzinsky tracked down the children of the Tsar's guards and of members of the firing squad. Further detective work uncovered unpublished photographs, which appear to show the Bolsheviks attempting to recover the bodies of

thrown down a mineshaft. Radzinsky has concluded that there is evidence that one child did not die in the massacre, although it was not Anastasia, who is most commonly associated with the story. Radzinsky is not yet pre-pared to divulge which of the daughters he believes escaped, or whether he has succeeded in tracking her down. But Onassis is

the family after they had been



convinced, and will publish the results of the research in July. lon Trewin, the editorial director of Hodder & Stoughton, has just returned from New York, where he discussed the material with Onassis. "You have to keep pinching yourself when you read it. Jacqueline is so caught up by the story of the massacre. But this, perhaps. is one mystery she can help solve."

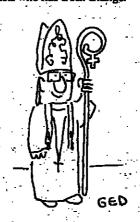
 A new set of forecasts has been added to John Major's red boxes at the end of each day. On top of the Treasury's less than reliable predictions, the prime minister has asked civil servants to include long-range forecasts from the meteorological office. Checking to see if voters will need brollies on April 9?

Carey wades in .

DR GEORGE CAREY, the Archbishop of Canterbury, will offer a discreet endorsement of the ordination of women next month. when he will be the guest of honour at the first night of a play on the subject. With a synod vote due in November, Carey has observed a careful silence on the subject since his comments in favour of women clerics provoked storms of protest last year. But advocates of the ordination of women are delighted at his agreement to at-

tend, which they see as giving a clear message to waverers.

The play. Body and Soul, features Robert Hardy (of All Creatures Great and Small fame) playing a bishop grappling with the problem of one of his parish priests who has a sex change.



Unlikely helpers

LYNDA CHALKER'S prospects of retaining her seat have suf-fered what could be a faral blow. Labour's National Executive has blocked the selection of a hard left Trotskyist candidate standing in her constituency. There are those who say Lol Duffy was her best chance of holding Wallasey, one of the most marginal seats in the country. the country. Her majority is only 279. Duffy is closely linked with the Socialist Organiser group,

which is now banned by Labour. Duffy's candidature was instrumental in helping Chalker hold the seat in 1987, and when he secured 24 nominations from the local party this time, her hopes... soared. But they dived again this week when the NEC ruled him ineligible, leaving Angela Eagle, an impeccably moderate trade union official. as Chalker's likely opponent in one of the seats Labour

most hopes to win.

Duffy's supporters, however, seem to be doing their best to save Chalker. "Some members are saying they are sending their cards back, and others are saying they won't vote Labour," says a dis-grunded Duffy. Even if Chalker does lose, it may not be the end of her political career. She is tipped to become Britain's first woman EC commissioner, whatever the stripe of the next government

• For the first time, the Consumers' Association has investi-gated communion wine. Which Wine Monthly invited an ecumenical panel to try a range of bottles ranging from Vino Sacro to Mission Bell. The tasters unanimously declared that the wines failed to meet the demands of the Anglican canon that they should be "good and wholesome". The comments ranged from "yuck, sweet and nasty" to "unspeakable, something from the chemist's

Bowing out

THE strings will weep with a purpose this weekend. Britain's oldest violin-makers, W.E. Hill, have gone into liquidation after more than 300 years in business. The company's place in history was secured by Samuel Pepys when he recorded in his diary 1660: "In ye morning came Mr Hill, ye instrument maker, and I consulted with him about ye altering my lute and my viall".

Andrew Hill, the current senior director, who joined the firm in 1959, says: "The company just does not fit today's market." The company's records will go under the auctioneer's hammer. "I see this move as another of the metamorphoses that the company has periodically gone through during its long history," says Hill bravely.

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JUDGMENT ON FRAUD

The hearing at Southwark Crown Court yesterday at the tail end of the Guinness II fraud case will not see the end of public concern. The two defendants, Lord Spens and Roger Seelig, have been spared further criminal proceedings while in the eyes of an outraged public the processes of the criminal law have been tried and found wanting. Yet the upholders of the law, from the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, downwards, have little to say except to declare their blind faith in the jury system.

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s and E That is nothing like enough to restore confidence. Those who live in legal ivory 113 6.15 to towers seem completely unaware how cynical the public has become as a result of the abandonment of the Seelig case on medical See 10 m grounds. If the unsatisfactory outcome of that trial is to be even reluctantly accepted, there must be a quid pro quo. The way the law handles fraud cases must now rapidly be reviewed and reformed.

When Roger Seelig first stood trial he chose to conduct his own defence. Eventually Mr Justice Henry stopped the trial on the ground that a man whose mental state had deteriorated so much could no longer defend himself effectively. Perhaps the judge was right, though nobody can point to any instance where someone facing a murder trial was released by the judge because of his mental state. Perhaps the head of the Serious Fraud Office, Barbara Mills, QC, was right not to start the case all over again, though it meant writing off a considerable investment in public money; and by a second trial Mr Seelig might either have recovered his wits or appointed counsel. Perhaps the SFO was right not to proceed any further against Mr Seelig's co-defendant, Lord Spens, who was and is mentally fit. And had their trial reached a conclusion, they might well have

been acquitted. The upholding of justice and honour in the City, and the maintenance of public confidence in the criminal law, never depended upon these particular men being found guilty. But confidence does depend on the system being seen to be adequate to carry such cases through to a proper conclusion, not buckling and breaking under the strain half way through. It depends on the public believing that the law is being applied evenhandedly, not a soft law for the rich, a hard

one for the rest. The last line of defence against City fraud has to be the criminal law, with cases investigated and prosecuted by the Serious Fraud Office. But it should not be the first line of defence, which is what it has become. Instead, London should now follow Wall Street where there is an alternative instrument of discipline, the Securities and Exchange Commission. It has the power to apply large financial penalties to those who break the rules; and defendants may be offered an SEC hearing as an alternative to a criminal trial. The SEC decides cases according to the standard of the civil courts, on the balance of probability, rather than requiring

proof of guilt beyond reasonable doubt. Sometimes the SEC and the criminal prosecutor's office will apply a pincer movement to a fraud suspect, who then opts to admit the infringement and pay a large penalty in return for not being prosecuted in the courts. Sometimes prosecution and defence engage in plea-bargaining - not permitted in Britain - whereby a defendant agrees to plead guilty to some or all charges in return for knowing and agreeing in advance what the sentence will be. Such guilty pleas after plea-bargaining can save large amounts of time and money.

There is thus far more scope for fine tuning, for the ingenious and efficient use of disciplinary powers, statutory or self-regulatory. singly or in combination, in the American system. A series of financial rogues who have had exemplary punishment under that system might well have escaped justice under the less flexible British arrangements. There is surprisingly little complaint that American methods lead to unjust results. And there is no way American defendants can fall

through the net by being taken mentally ill. The criminal jury trial can no longer stand as the only available means for the correction of alleged City fraud. Expensive and elaborate, it can put a squalid crime on a pedestal. If London is to compete with Wall Street and elsewhere on financial services, one of the areas it must compete in is the excellence of its supervision and discipline.

THE BOER KOMMANDO

Change in South Africa is always a process, never a crisis. President F. W. de Klerk announced this week a "high noon" white referendum on his handling of reform, in response to his party's loss of the Potch-efstroom by-election. Seldom, even in South Africa, has a white leader shown such deft tactical command of his forces in retreat. The Conservative party has shown that it might defeat the Nationalists in a constituency based white general election. So Mr de Klerk has called a swift personal vote of confidence, in which he can rely on liberal Democratic party votes. He should thus win.

Ever since the release of Nelson Mandela two years ago, South Africa has seemed set on an unstoppable course towards black majority rule. The timing of this course might be obscure, but not its eventual destination. That remains true. But as long as "eventual" is undefined, white South Africans can play for delay and comfort themselves by muttering "in the long run we are all dead". They can impede Mr de Klerk and scare whites as well as blacks with a threat of counter-revolution and mayhem. Theirs has never been just another colonial regime from which Europeans can scuttle when the going gets hard. These whites are Africans and will fight for their land.

Mr de Klerk has shown skill in sustaining peace and order through the past two years of talks. He has been aided by the extraordinary moral sway Mr Mandela holds over his followers in the African National Congress, a grouping that could well have fallen apart under the strain of negotiation. Rarely has a nation been blessed with two such leaders. Power — military, economic and political - in South Africa still rests in white hands. Slowly it is shifting. More control is passing to black policemen, to local political and tribal leaders, to ANC negotiators behind the scenes. Economic decisions are already being influenced by ANC lobbvists. But this is still a white-run country. Over a third of whites want to keep it that

Klerk's Nationalists. This proportion is probably rising. Mr de Klerk's interim emissions will continue inexorably. strategy must be to make it fall, or he will have to abandon the white constituency altogether and seek non-white legitimacy. That would truly mean the end of white rule. His final throw might be to make the referendum national, though that would have meant abandoning his promise to give the whites a veto over any constitutional reform. He clearly feels such an act of desperation is not required of him — yet.

At present Mr de Klerk's tactic is to convince the whites that he is the best person to handle any transition to whatever the future holds, always to remain the arbiter of the process of change. He stands between South Africa and disorder, whether from black left or white right. He must play the Boer kommando, feinting, darting, stabbing, retreating, always keeping the initiative.

The right will have its days. It will win byelections, stage military rallies, commit atrocities, dream of Afrikaner castles in the sky, or at least homelands in the bush. It may even help persuade constitution builders that, while ethnic pluralism cannot be entrenched, geographic pluralism can partly reflect it and offer some safeguard of democratic and human rights. But that persuasion must be exerted through the leadership of Mr de Klerk. On that leadership the future of peace in South Africa still wholly relies.

CURSE OF THE NILE

The news that tour operators are cutting their Nile cruises because of falling water levels, congestion, the Nilotic equivalent of giant water lilies, and official misinformation about the state of the river, is a classic example of what economists call a positional good: when everyone is somebody, then no one's anybody. Cruising up to Luxor was grand when done in style by the adventurous rich in feluccas, with squads of bearers and dragomans, or possibly dragomen (either plural is acceptable in English). Modern mass marketing of exotic travel has turned the Nile into something as cheaply nasty as the traffic jam at Boulter's lock.

But the drying up of the Nile illustrates older truths than modern economics: the folly of mucking about with nature: the peculiarly English obsession with Egyptology. If Isis and Osiris had wanted a dam at Aswan, they would have built one. The earliest records in civilisation declare that Egypt is the gift of the Nile. Like Russian babushka dolls, the old English word alchemy hides a Greek word, and thence a very old Egyptian word contrasting the black earth created by the flooding of the Nile with the yellow land of the surrounding desert.

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Napoleon, an honorary Englishman for one thing only, his passion for Egypt, said that under a good administration the Nile gains on the desert, under a bad one the desert gains on the Nile. The Aswan dam and nine successive years of drought in the Ethiopian Highlands have desiccated the

annual inundation with catastrophic results. That number nine is ominous. When somebody somewhere is angry about Egypt. plagues come ninefold. The annual flood is

no longer scouring out the silt from the river bed. For the first time Egyptian farmers are having to fertilise their soil artificially, instead of having it done naturally for them by the sediment brought down by the inundation. Any old Egyptology freak can tell that no good will come of this. It will not be long before Boris Karloff, cocooned in rotting bandages and making strange noises, comes as dragoman to bring the murmmy's curse to Luxor luxury cruises.

The fabulous Nile is a gigantic crocodile that winds its way back through the English imagination. It twists, mysterious and ungraspable, from Sir John Mandeyille, the original gushing travel correspondent, who asserted that the Nile rose in Paradise and ran through the deserts of India, before diving under ocean and re-emerging to make Egypt, to Death on the Nile, which is the most popular film in the United Kingdom, and has become as much a part of Christmas television as the Queen's broadcast

It is not safe to monkey about with nature in Egypt. No good ever came from answering the riddle of the Sphinx. Aquarian ley lines link the Great Pyramid with Stonehenge, and the Thames with the Nile. Ever since The Times sponsored Howard Carter in his quest for Tutankhamun, fate has dogged those who meddle with the old gods. The secret hid under Cheops's pyramid apart from the facts that the design was universally condemned for its new brutalism. and the contract was completed a century late and billions over budget — is that the Nile is not mocked. Not even by its fans, the English. Drop a bomb on the Aswan dam today, before it is too late.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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global warming

From the Director of the Association for the Conservation of Energy

Sir, The Department of Energy has just published figures for UK consumption of fuel during 1991. They show a substantial increase in energy use over 1990, repeating the increase between 1989 and 1990. Conversely, gross domestic product during this period declined.

This is the exact obverse of trends between 1973 and 1988. Then we witnessed a substantial (33 per cent) growth in GDP, whilst simultaneously reducing in absolute terms the amount of energy consumed. Consequent upon this recent

growth in energy demand has been an increase in the amount of carbon dioxide emitted. Carbon dioxide is the principal gas responsible for global warming and results mainly

from burning fossil fuels.

In 1990 the government committed Britain to a policy of stabilisation of carbon dioxide emissions. This was to be achieved by 2005, although subsequently we became signatories to a European Community target not to increase carbon dioxide levels beyond the year 2000. This commitment will form an

important plank in the European position at the United Nations Earth Summit in Brazil this June, which our prime minister is due to attend. The intention of the Earth summit is to encourage other OECD countries to make commitments, initially to stabilise, then to reduce, carbon dioxide emissions.

In the light of the recent increase in these emissions — which per-versely seems to date from the time we agreed to stabilise them — it will be increasingly difficult for the government's global warming policy to seem credible in the international arena. Investment levels in readily identifiable energy efficient items like insulation or heating controls have declined by 28 per cent over the past two years.

When the much-heraided environment white paper. This Common Inheritance, was published, a series of specific commitments was made to step up the government's energy efficiency activities. This was because, as the white paper stated, it is "the cheapest and quickest way of com-bating global warming". Eighteen months on, and four months before the Earth Summit, overt action on this front is desperately needed. way, and without the equivocation of Mr de Otherwise the rise in energy consumption and carbon dioxide

Yours faithfully, ANDREW WARREN, Director, Association for the Conservation of Energy, 9 Sherlock Mews, WI. February 18.

Hunting cause

From Mr Jack Arkinstall

Sir, I deplore the growing practice of using children, particularly young ones, in the furtherance of some cause or other. An example of this is shown in the picture on the front page of *The Times* (February 14) where a small child in riding gear is holding a placard with the inscrip-tion "Hunting is my future". What does a child of such tender

years know about hunting, or, for that matter, any other adult cause?

Yours sincerely JACK ARKINSTALL 99 Beach Road, Selsey,

Chichester, West Sussex. From Mr Merlin Willcox

Sir, Lady Donaldson daims ("Hunting in the blood", February 14) that the fox is "a predator of a wantonly vicious kind. He kills not merely to eat but for the sake of killing . . . This seems to me an excellent description of Homo sapiens.

Yours truly, MERLIN WILLCOX, Shaftgate, Paddock Lane, Selsey, nr Chichester, West Sussex.

Old-style Sundays

Sir, I am sorry to see in Saturday's listing of church services (February 15) you replaced Septuagesima Sunday (Book of Common Prayer) with 'Ninth Sunday before Easter"

From the Reverend H. D. Duprée

(Alternative Service Book). A music-loving priest friend of mine was fond of telling me that Toscanini used to say that the great secret of maintaining the shape and coherence of a piece of music lay in managing the transitions from one thing to another. The three "gesima" Sundays formed just such a bridge between Epiphany and Lent. Any chance of a last-minute reprieve for Sexagesima and Quinquagesima?

Yours sincerely, DOUGLAS DUPRÉE (Chaplain), Balliol College, Oxford.

Origin of the kilt

From Mr A. J. S. MacLennan

Sir, Kate Muir, in an article on the Glasgow ceilidh ("The rising of the clans". Life & Times, February 17) gives space to the old suggestion that the kilt is "an English invention and perversion of tartan". The author of this colourful and entertaining idea was Evan Baillie, of Abriachan in Inverness-shire who deliberately peddled the deception around Edinburgh in March 1785.

Evan Baillie was a distinguished lawyer. Pictish antiquarian and bore, and at the time feared prosecu-

Action lagging on Mortgage rescue: success or failure? ties are just as likely to seek court

From the Director-General of the Council of Mortgage Lenders

Sir. Councillor Margaret Moran. (letter, February 18) refers to "the likely failure of the mortgage rescue schemes" and calls for government intervention. The schemes are not failing. Mortgage lenders are already helping to keep thousands of people in their homes who, through no fault of their own, are unable to

maintain full mortgage repayments. Schemes that involve owneroccupiers becoming tenants are just one part of the overall rescue package. The decisive government action to ensure that income support paid to meet mortgage interest payments is used for that purpose will also significantly reduce the number of

The problem needs to be seen in context. Lenders are making a congage arrears problem, and this in itself arraces while auracts publicity, some of which is bound to be critical. Statistics from the Lord Chancellor's department show that local authori-

Sir. Labour's proposals for the National Health Service (report, February 14) have a certain symmetry with the reorganisation taking place under the Tories. Specifically, the suggestion that "hospitals which treat too many patients ... will be penalised the following year" underscores the impression that neither party has grasped the crucial prob-lem that faces the NHS — uncontained demand and significant underfunding.

Last weekend, when the medical team at St Peter's Hospital, Chertsey, was responsible for emergency admissions, fewer than 20 patients were admitted. Unfortunately there were only three medical beds into which to admit them; surgical and gynaecological beds had to be borrowed and operating lists cancelled.

The duty administrator had to telephone ten district hospitals to the south-west of London before he could identify one who could back us up if we became full and had to transfer acutely-ill patients to other hospitals. The previous weekend when we were "on take", 16 hospitals were approached and there was no coronary

Car prices compared From Dr David Weitzman

Sir, The Monopolies and Mergers Commission's recent report (details, Business, February 6) concludes that private purchasers of new cars in Britain pay more than they should. The car market is clearly complex and its subtleties are probably beyond the average buyer, but I am surely not alone in being amazed at the huge difference in car prices between the UK and US.

On a visit to the US last month I noted advertised new 1992 car prices, which I compare with identical models on sale in Britain (\$1.8 -£1.; all prices in £):

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American-made cars are similarly low priced. A handsome new luxury Cadillac may be had for £13,110. Are these simply the result of economies of scale or are there other significant factors which we might usefully introduce in the UK?

Yours faithfully, DAVID WEITZMAN, 41 Hollybush Road, Cardiff, South Glamorgan.

Sir, Your enthusiastic report (February 8) on the reconstruction of the medieval Barley Hall in the centre of York raises a number of key issues which need to be addressed before allowed to be carried out on listed buildings in the cause of archaeol-

described as having been forgotten. It has stood in the centre of the city for many centuries and over the years all sorts of additions and alterations had been made to it, some good, some poor but all becoming a part of its history. At the core remained the original building. Because of its importance the whole complex was listed and therefore given standary

Now that the work has been

Englishman in Glengarry in 1728 to such an extent that it would discredit, by their denials, any surviving witnesses to the murder.

the battle of Culloden (1746). The

would evict 1,250 tenants for rent arrears this year. Tenants of Alnwick District Council who fall into rent

action for possession as are mortgage

lenders, even though local authority

tenants have more generous state

assistance available to them.

Southwark Council, for instance. announced on February 5 that it arrears will receive just one warning letter before the council begins legal proceedings. There are problems throughout housing which require a concerted approach from people in positions of responsibility.

Some of the critical comment about the efforts of mortgage lenders to deal with the problem in their sector seems to stem more from a wish to score points rather than a constructive approach to deal with the problem.

Yours faithfully MARK BOLÉAT, Director-General. Council of Morigage Lenders, 3 Savile Row, W1. February 18.

Whither the patient's charter?

care bed that we could identify closer

than Bristol, a hundred miles away.

Political balance and the health service

From Dr Michael Joy

A number of claims made for the present reorganisation are deceitful. The money does not follow the patient unless he/she leaves his own health district for another one, and only then by agreement by contact or as an ECR (extra-contractual refer-ral) for which limited funds are available. As a result, our unit, which has suffered a reduction in its medical bed complement of 22 per cent and has seen an increase in its throughput of 24 per cent and in overall activity of about 11 per cent, will receive no more money next year

for its increased activity. GP budget holding, the "flagship" of the changes, is leading not only to queue-jumping of NHS patients by NHS patients, but diversion of funding into the private sector as fundholding GPs seek "private" treatment of NHS patients. The result will be further strain of an already severely strained service, and profit for the private hospitals at

public expense I remain, yours faithfully, MICHAEL JOY (Consultant cardiologist), Cedar House, Longcross Road, February 15.

Lords and ladies

From Lord Beloff

Sir, If Ms Lesley Abdela is right (letter, February 15) to claim that I inhabit "that most ivory of ivory towers" the House of Lords, it does at least enable me to know what goes on there, and not rely like Ms Abdela on irrelevant statistics.

At the moment the House is dealing with a Local Government Finance Bill, piloted for the government by Lady Blatch and opposed for Labour by Lady Hollis of Heigham and for the Liberal Democrats by Lady Hamwee. It is also dealing with an Education (Schools) Bill piloted by Lady Blatch and Lady Denton of Wakefield and opposed for Labour by Lady Blackstone and for the Liberal Democrats by Lady

This hardly suggests that women play a minor part in the business of the House. On the contrary, looking at the important contributions made to legislation by for instance Lady Faithfull and Lady Darcy de Knayth, one is sometimes tempted to wonder whether it was this state of affairs that John Knox had in mind when he wrote of "the monstrous regiment of women."

Yours truly, House of Lords. February 15.

York reconstruction

From the Chairman, Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings any more such destructive works are

The building, which is better known as Coffee Yard, can hardly be protection.

tion for the murder of the then new Laird of Abriachan in 1746 — an act that enabled Baillie to occupy the . estate. He hoped to push the story that the kilt was invented by an

The kilt and tartan have been worn in the Highlands continuously, if not now universally, since before the Great Council of Scone and the foundation of the Caledonian monarchy, irrespective of an Act of Parliament against them following

level prior to reconstructing it, the entire history of the building has been destroyed, leaving what is left as a lifeless museum object and not part of a living building. It is now virtually worthless as an object of serious study because of the destruction wrought to recreate yet another contribution to our Disneyland her-If we need to build medieval

carried out only 9 per cent of the

original frame survives and virtually

none of the later (and listed) alter-

ations. By taking it down to ground

houses for tourists, let this be done on virgin sites and not at the expense of a real part of our history and not - as in this lamentable case - with contributions from public funds. Yours faithfully,

JAMÉS BOUTWOOD, Chairman. The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, 37 Spital Square, E1. February 13.

legal ban on the kilt was lifted by personal wish of George III to mark the fidelity of the Highland prisoners of war after the loss of Yorktown in 1781. This gave Baillie the origin of his idea to kill the kilt. He died in

1788 or 89 before being prosecuted.

in great agony and screaming for iveness. I discussed this with a Highland gentleman from Wester Ross a few years ago. His only reply was, "Anyone who thinks that an Englishman invented the kilt must be mad" Yours faithfully.

ANGUS MacLENNAN. 16 Spottiswoode Street, Edinburgh.

Keeping the ell at arm's length

From Mr G. S. Howlett

Sir. The Oxford English Dictionary tells me that the medieval measure of length, the ell, derived from the Latin ulna, i.e., the forearm, and Brewer tells me that it denoted the distance from the elbow to the tip of the middle finger. Brewer goes on to say that French ells were a yard and a half (54in), English ells 45in, Scotch ells 37in whilst Flemish ells were a paltry

three quarters of a yard (27in). My own personal ell as defined by Brewer is a mere 19in. I am 72in tall. my forearm thus representing 26 per cent of my total body length. Believing myself to be of more or less standard proportions and not sub-ject to any noticeable deformity. I assume that this ratio of forearm to body height may be taken as repre-

sentative of average modern man. Applying this percentage to Brew-er's figures, I calculate that the following approximate heights may be attributed to our medieval fore-bears: French: 17ft 4in; English: 14ft 4in; Scots: 11ft 10in; Flemish:

This apparently contradicts my hitherto held assumption that in Europe at least we are growing taller on average. Are we in fact veritable pygmies compared with our ancestors or have the OED and Brewer got it all wrong?

Yours faithfully, G. S. HOWLETT, Croft Cottage Restaurant, Riverside, Bourton-on-the-Water. Gloucestershire.

Notices of coding

From Mr Gordon Connelly Sir, As a chartered accountant in public practice I commend Mr Deacon. Director of Operations, Inland Revenue (letter, February 12), to descend from his ivory tower into the real world. Ninety per cent of the notices of codings sent to me by

clients are incorrect. The four that arrived on my desk last week were all inaccurate. I am afraid that the statement that each code reflects the latest information is seldom true. I have written to three separate inspectors of taxes this week alone suggesting that the filing of income tax returns is rather a waste of time as they are ignored in relation to reliefs and allowances

claimed. These continuous errors, which presumably have something to do with computerisation, result in a waste of paper and time on the part of Inland Revenue staff and practising accountants, and involve taxpayers in professional costs which in commercial terms should be met from public funds.

I am, dear Sir, yours faithfully, GORDON CONNELLY, A. J. Connelly & Co., Clare, Cold Ash, Newbury, Berkshire. February 17.

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Gifted children

From the Chairman, Mensa Foundation for Gifted Children

Sir. Your report (February 15) wrongly suggested that the members of the "ruling committee of Mensa" have "mutinied" against me as honorary president of International Mensa and chairman of the Mensa Foundation for Gifted Children (MFGC). The ruling committee of Mensa in the British Isles is the committee of British Mensa. This has not split or questioned my work for gifted children.

The breakaway group has been from the advisory committee to the Mensa foundation. As its chairman, I appointed the committee on behalf of the trustees of the charity. The British committee has taken responsibility for the foundation and unanimously supports me as continuing chairman of the MFGC, as do the other trustees.

There cannot be too many groups working in this field. The nation needs to identify its potential ability as early as possible and provide the suitable specialist education for the high flyers upon whom future prosperity so much depends. The MFGC is still going well.

Yours sincerely VICTOR SEREBRIAKOFF. Chairman. Mensa Foundation for Gifted Children, Flat One, 6 The Paragon, \$E3. February 19.

Royal salute

From Mr Kenneth H. Ross Sir. Australians cheered their head of

state when she arrived in Sydney, The Australian republican, Mr Malcolm Turnbull, observes that they also cheer when Madonna turns up, but it doesn't mean they want her as their queen ("Royalty on trial", February 20). Quite so: most sen-

They presumably don't want Her Majesty as a pop star, either. Just like Yours faithfully, KENNETH H. ROSS. Wellbank Mains Farm. Welibank, Angus. February [9.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE February 21: His Excellency Mr Sylvestre Radegonde was received in audience by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother and The Prince of Wales, Counsellors of State, acting on behalf of The Queen, and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Commission High Commissioner for

Seychelles in London. Mr Nigel Broomfield (Deputy Under Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present, and the Household in Waiting were in

The Prince Edward, Trustee,

Deborah Grant, actress, 45; Miss Sheila Hancock, actress, 59; Miss

Jocelyn Herbert, stage designer, 75; Mr Howard Hodgson, for-mer chief executive, PFG Hodg-son Kenyon International 42.

Mr Peter Jacobs, chief exec-utive, BUPA, 49; Mr Edward

Kennedy, American politician, 60; Sir John Kerr, UK Permanent

Representative to the European Communities, Brussels, 50; Miss

Paricia Lancaster, former head-mistress, Wycombe Abbey

School, 63; Mr Niki Lauda, racing driver, 43; Miss Frances

Line, controller, BBC Radio 2 52; Sir John Mills, actor, producer and director, 84; Mr Tom Okker, tennis player, 48; Mr Nigel

today gave a Lunch for The Duke of Edinburgh's Award at Buckingham Palace.

KENSINGTON PALACE February 21: The Prince of Wales today visited HMS Invincible (Captain John Tolhurst, RN).

His Royal Highness, Parron, the Gurkha Welfare Fund, this evening attended the Gurkha Welfare Trust Foundation (USA) Dinner at the Inn on the Park, Park Lane, London W1, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Greater London (Field Marshal the Lord Bramall). Lieutenant Commander Robert Fraser, RN, was in attendance.

Weekend birthdays

The Duchess of Kent celebrates her birthday today. Planer, actor, 39: Lieutenant-General the Hon Sir William Rous, 53; Sir William Slack, TODAY: Mr H.A. Ashmall, recformer Serjeant Surgeon to The. Queen, 67; Mr Ian Stark, showjumper, 38; Dame Joan tor, Morrison's Academy, Perth-shire, 53; Sir Roderick Barclay, diplomat, 83; the Hon James Bethell, racehorse trainer, 40; Mr Varley, former Conservative party agent, 72; Miss Julie Walters, actress, 42: Mr S.C. Whithread. J.N. Ellis, trades unionist, 53; Mr Bruce Forsyth, entertainer, 64; the Hon Rocco Forte, chief executive, Trusthouse Forte, 47; Miss

TOMORROW: Mr W.E. Allen, author, 81; the Duke of Beaufort, 64; Lady Digby, 58; Lord Ezra, 73; Miss M.I. Farrer, former chairman, Central Midwives Board, 78; Lord Forteviot, 86; Mr Frank Gerstenberg, principal, George Watson's College, Edin-burgh, 51; Miss Kathleen Harrison, actress, 100; Mrs Maureen Hicks, MP, 44. The Earl of Lincoln, 79; Mr

Anton Mosimann, chef. 45; Lord St Levan, 73; Sir Christopher Tugendhat, chairman, Abbey National, 55; Mr David Ward, former president, Law Society, 55; Dom Aelred Watkin, former headmaster, Downside School,

Luncheon

Ambassador and Mrs Power Ambassador and Mrs Power entertained at luncheon yesterday at the Carlton Club in St James's Street on the occasion of their wedding anniversary. Included among the guests were Lady. Bamford, Mr Gerald Bryan, CMG, CVO, and Mrs Bryan, Mr Ned Ryan, Mrs David Nations and Mr Richard Hanlon.

Service dinner Royal Engineer Surveyors of Works Club

Major-General F.G. Sugden, Lieutenant-Governor of the Royal Hospital Cheisea, was the guest of honour at a ladies' dinner of the Royal Engineer Surveyors of Works Club held last night at Brompton Barracks, Chatham. Major F.W. Wilson, senior past chairman of the club, presided.



Sculptor Faith Winter burnishing the Harris bronze

Wraps off 'Bomber' Harris

By ROBIN YOUNG

The statue of Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Arthur Harris, wartime commander-inchief of Bomber Command, which Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother is to unveil in front of St Clement Danes, the RAF church in the Strand, London, was seen in its completed form for the first time yesterday at the bronze foundry near High Wycombe, Buckingham-shire, where it has been cast.

Faith Winter, the sculptor who was commissioned by the Bomber Command Association to make er Command Association to make the statue as a partner to her bronze of Lord Dowding which already stands outside St Clement Danes, said yesterday: "I learnt a great deal about Bomber Harris in the course of my researches. Though he and Dowding were very different characters, they were both extremely dever men both extremely clever men who thought things through very carefully and who once they took a decision would stick to it. Sir

Arthur Harris's family remember him as a loving and humorous father, who suffered mentally very much over the decisions he felt he

The plan to erect the statue to Sir Arthur ran into considerable flak from the mayors of German towns which were razed by Bomb-er Command's raids and Sir Arthur's policy of saturation ombing.
The Queen Mother has confirmed, though, that she unveil the statue on May 31.

er Place, SW1: 8 & 9 Earth: Mass-for four

Solemn Buth, Man (Byrd), O Lord, rebu Geistliches Lied

ST SIMON BEGTES, Milner Street. SW3: 8 HC. 1 k34F, Te Deury (Right), A Hymn of St Columba (Briffes), Rev G James: 6.30 E, Rev G James.

James, 6.50, E, Rev G James.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7:
8 & 9 [Att. 11 ENA, Missa in honorism
Sancti Thomae Mori (Oldhard), Salve
Regina (Rasus), Jesu, the very thought
is sweet (Wood), 6 ER & B, Fr C Colvert.

ST VEDAST, Poster Lane, EC2: 11 Sung Mass, Rev R Avent.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOT-LAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11 Bey John H McIndoet 6.30 Rey W Alexander Colons.

CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOT-LAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15 & 6.30 Rev R Stanley C Hood. THE ASSUMPTION. Warwick Street, WI: 11 Mess in C (Motant Coronadon), Rejoice in the Lond (Balakhrey), Da pacem Domine (Gesualdo/Stravinsky).

Mountbatten **Festival** of Music

The annual Mountbatten Festival of Music took place at the Albert Hall on February 19, 20 and 21. The Massed Bands of Her Majesty's Royal Marines were joined by the "President's Own" United States Marine Band and the Pipes and Drums of the 1st Battalion The Argyll and Suther-land Highlanders.

The principal guests were the Countess Moumbatten of Burma, CBE, CD, JP, DL, Field Marshal Sir Richard Vincent, GBE, KCB. DSO, Chief of the Defence Staff; Admiral Sir Benjamin Bathurst, GCB, Vice-Chief of the Defence Staff, Admiral Sir Michael Livesay, KCB, Chief of Naval Personnel and Second Sea Lord: General Sir Patrick Palmer, KBE, Commander in Chief Allied Forces Northern Europe; General Carl E. Mundy Jr, Commandant, United States Marine Corps, and Mr J.M. Stewart. CB, Second Permanent Under-Sec-

retary, Ministry of Defence. The hosts were Lieutenant General Sir Henry Beverley, KCB, OBE, Commandant General Royal Marines, and Lady Beverley. The compères were Mr Desmond Carrington and Miss

Desmond Carrington and Miss Susannah Simons.

The Festival, in aid of the Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children, Royal Naval, Royal. Marines and other Service and civilian charines, was given in memory of Admiral of the Fleet the Bari Mounthatten of Burna, Life Colonel Commandant of the Life Colonel Commandant of the Royal Marines

The King's School,

Ely The 1992 Annual Gathering to be held on Sannday, April 25, will be open, this year, to all Old Eleans irrespective of year of entry. Any Old Eleans who have not yet received notification of this eyent are invited to contact the school by letter or by phone to the Headmaster's Secretary (Mrs P. Headmaster's Secretary Frich) on 0353 662824.

Canadian Secretary

The Queen has approved the appointment of Mr Rick Hansen as Canadian Secretary to Her Majesty during her visit to Can-ada from June 30 to July 2.

Appointments

Latest appointments include: Mr Peter Richard Morrell to be a

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REGENT SQUARE IRC (Presbyterien/Congregational). Tavisnock Flace, WCiz 11 Rev Dr R Scoper, 5.30 Mg. A McNair.

SALVATION ARMY (Regent Hall), Ox-ford St Wi: 11 Major C Hunz: 6.30 Mrs Major M Hunt.

ST ANDREWS URC, Fregnal Land NW3: 11 Rev Dr P Morgan

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ST ANNES ARD ST ARRESS (Lotheran).
Gresham St. ECz: 11 Choral RC. Rev
Romald'T Enginency 7 Resz Vespers. Rev
S Taylor at Gedder Place URC.
Bedeyheath and Lee Green URC.
Lyndon.

ST JOSEN'S WOOD URC, Lords Round-abdul, NWB: 11 MS, Rev Dr D 7 Jenkins.

WESLEY'S CHAPPIL CHY ROad, EC2: 9.45 HC; 11 MS, Rev F Hulme.

WESTREINSTER CENTERAL HALL (Methodist), 5W1: 11 & 6.30 Rev Dr R John Tudor.

WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gatt, SWI: 11 Rev Dy R T Kendall; 6.30 Miss Backle Pullinger.

Mr J.M. Flart and Miss J.A. Russell The engagement is announced between James Hart and Julie Russell, following a Valentine

Forthcoming

Mr M.J. Aldridge

and Miss C.E. Saunders

The engagement is announced between Warren, son of Professor W. Barnett, of Sydney, Australia, and Mrs M. Barnett, of Newcastle upon Tyne, and Claire Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.H.G. Saunders, Hexham, Northumberland.

Mr P.A. Broad and Miss A.M. Morrison

Devon, and Mary, daughter of the late Rev the Hon Nial Ranald Morrison and of Dr Sheila Morrison, of Randwick, Stroud.

and Miss F.D. Arnold
The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Dr and Mrs Ronald Cline, of

between Jos, son of De Heer and Mevrouw F. Corswarem, of Heers, Limburg, Belgium, and

Foresters Regiment, elder son of Nottinghamshire, and Fiona, younger daughter of Mrs P.M. Richards, of Sydney, Australia.

Lancashire.

Mr S. Devise and Miss R.E. Lougmon

Mr R.M. Graves

The forthcoming marriage is announced between Derek George Harbroe Wright, of Shillingford, Oxfordshire, and Jacquernine Francesca Anastasia

marriages

Mr N.D. Himsworth and Miss M. Nelson

Roundhay, Leeds.

Mr E.S.R. Hoskia

Lord Inverforth

Mr T.H. Martin

and Miss J.S. Oliver

and Miss R.S.S. Davies

The engagement is announced between Neil Duncan, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Malcolm

Himsworth, of Scarcroft, Leeds,

and Margo, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs David Nelson, of

and Miss R.H. Pearce Higgins

The engagement is announced between Edmund, youngest son of Dr and Mrs M.A. Hoskin, of

Cambridge, and Rebecca, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs A.T.

Professor and Mrs Bleddyn

Davies, of Canterbury, are

pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter

inverforth and the late Lord Inverforth, of London.

and MISS J.S. Oliver
The engagement is announced between Thomas, son of Mr and Mrs P.G. Martin, of Kingston, Surrey, and Jennifer, daughter of Mr and Mrs W. Oliver, of Baltimore, Maryland, USA.

The engagement is announced between Charles, eldest son of Mr and Mrs D.G. Mason, of Southburgh Manor, Norfolk, and

Alice, only daughter of Mrs Hilary Dowson and the late Mr Ben Dowson, of Upper Broughton, Leicestershire.

The engagement is announced between Stuart Norman, of The

The engagement is announced between Damian, son of Mr M. Stanford-Harris, of Bromley.

Kent, and Ms P. Weston, of Trowbridge, Wilsshire, and Petra,

daughter of Mr and Mrs P. Holdcroft, of Bude, Cornwall,

The engagement is announced

between Jonathan, elder son of Mr and Mrs D.I. West,

of Stourbridge, and Nicola, daughter of Mr C.A. Pearce, of Salisbury, and Mrs P.M. Pearce.

of Nether Walloo, Hampshire.

Major S.W. Norman and Miss F.V. Richards

Mr D. Stanford-Harris

and Miss P. Holdcroft

Mr J.A.T. West

and Miss N.X. Pearce

Mr D.G.H. Wright and Miss J.F.A.

Pearce Higgins, of Cambridge.

and Miss L.I.H. Otter The engagement is announced between Martin John, only son of Mr and Mrs Dennis Aldridge, of Tring, Hertfordshire, and Lisette Isabella Helen, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Otter, of Kemerton, South Worcestershire.

Mr W. Barnett

The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs Richard Broad, of Dunkeswell,

Mr R.A. Cline

younger daughter of Mr and Mrs.
David Arnold, of Abbotshay
Cottage, Ayot St Lawrence,
Hertfordshire.

MFCR Mason
and Miss A.K. D
The engagement

De Heer J.E. Corswarem and Miss J.E. Bucknall The engagement is announced

Jane Emma, younger daughter of Mr Alan Bucknall, of Killyleagh, Co Down, and Mrs Madeline Bucknall, of West Hampstead. Mr E.D.-Croy and Miss A.R. Datal

The engagement is announced between Elden, elder son of Mr Don Croy, of Morrison, Colorado, and Mrs Edna Vanous, of Orlando, Florida, and Anita, eider daughter of Mr and Mrs V.D. Dalal, of Rochdale,

The engagement is announced between Sean, eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Devine, of Carrictiergus, Northern Ireland, and Rachael, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Roy Longmur, of Wetherby, West Yorkshire.

The engagement is announced between Mr Rodney Graves, of Chelsea, and Kay Coleman, of

Dinners

Gurkha Welfare Trest

The Prince of Wales was present honour by Mr Ellice McDonald. Jr. CBE (Hon), and Mrs Mc-Donald at the Inn on the Park. Representatives of the Gurkha Welfare Trust (UK), Gurkha Weifare Trust (Canada) and the Kadoorie Agricultural Aid Association, together with former and serving officers of the Brigade of Gurkhas were also present.

Latest wills

Ivy Gladys Bates, of Welshpool, Powys, left estate valued at E151,067 net. She left E1,000 to the Dorkey Sanctuary. Sidmouth, Devon, and the residue of the estate to the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. Mr Curus Robert Felix Berk, of Knightsbridge, London, left es-tate valued at £1,118,966 net. He left £25,000 to the restoration fund of All Saints' Church, Margaret Street, London. Mr Robert Gordon MacLeod McMillan, of Sevenoaks, Kent,

London Watsonian Club Mr John Smith, President of the London Watsonian Club, pre-sided at the annual dinner held

Dr. W.E.K. Anderson, Headmaster of Eton College, and Mr Jim Walkenshaw also spoke. Others present included Mr Frank Gerstenberg, Principal of George Warson's College, Edinburgh, Mr Clifford Hastings, President of the Parent Club, and representatives of London branches of other Scottish school clubs.

left estate valued at £1,856,882 Other estates include, net, before

tax paid:
.Mr Christopher Kenneth Cook of Broughton Astley, Leicestershire . £596,427.

Longman. of London, SW3

ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square, SWI: 8.15 & 11 BC; 7 Informal ES at Gray Cost Hospital Lover School, Graham Terrace and Informal ES & HC et St Issues the Lees Warded Bridge Peak All SOULS, Langham Place, WI: 11 Rev C Hobbs; 6.30 Preb R Bewes. HC: 10.36 S Euch, Harwood In A fist. The Spirit of the Lord (Elgar), Rev G Buckle 6 Choral E, Dyson In F, Like as the bart (Howells), Mr M Lawson. CHELSRA OLD CHURCH, Chevis Walk, SW3: 8 HC 10 Children's Service; 11 M; 6 E. ST MICHAELS. Comball BCD III. Choral M. Responses (Ross, Sterein if love (Thalber and). Terbelands in the

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CANTERBURT CATSEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.30 M: 11 S Ench. Canterbury Te Deum (Grayston reel, Misse brevis (Grayston reel, Misse brevis (Grayston reel, Misse brevis (Grayston reel, Misse brevis (Belland Rev C W Fischer 3.15 E (Falkand Intercession). Responses Starth). Brevi Scond Residend. Grays for npinne, The Arcidencon.

RK MINSTRE: 8 & 8.45 HC: 10 S

d. Missa brevis (Leighnon), Very Rev
Southgate: 11.30 M. Responses
mkins), Stanford in B flac 4 E.
legium Regule (Howelis), Lord, I call
m thee (Bairstow), Mr P Cunningm thee (Bairstow), Mr P Cunning-

G Cassidy, 11.30 HC. Stanting in 8 fast, 1 will leil you what Wisdom is (Mooret: 3.15 E, Darke in F. Rejoice in the Lord (Croft, Ven R Sharpiey.

WESTMINSTER ABERY: 8 HC: 10 M. Responses (Neary). To Deum (Walton Coronation). Set we as a seal (Walton). Canon D Gray; 11.15 Abbey Euch, Collegium Regale (Howells), Octil omnium (Wood), Rev P Ferguson; 3 E. Dyson in D. The Spirit of the Lord (Eigar), Rev P Urseil: 5.45 Organ recital; 6.30 Meditation and Music - Taizé. The Dean.

Dean.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 NC. 11
Euch, Jackson in G. Cantique de Jean
Racine (Pauris). O sacrum convivium
(Mersslen). Canon M Kinche; 3 E.
Fourth service (Batten), Let all the world
(Vaughan Williams). Rev N Worn.

WESTHINSTER CATHEDRAL: Masses
7. 8, 9, 12, 5-30 & 7: 10,30 Solemn Mass

A Ordination. Missa bravis in D 7. 8, 9, 12, 5.30 à 7: 10.30 Solemn Mars à Ordination. Missa brevis in D Mozard, Inhilau Deo in C (Britism). Ave-verum corpus (Mozard, Sonain I Finai (Gulimano). 2.30 Organ recibil; 3.30 Solemn V & B. Magnificat octavi tom (Morales). O salutaris bostia (Rossini). Sonata VIII Introduction & Passacaglia (Etheinberge).

(RREMOVERGES)
ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL South-wark: 6 LM (Sail: 8, 10 (Children's Service), 6 LM: 11.30 HM, Fr M Mac ATherina. GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE DIVINE WISDOM, MOSCOW Ed. W2: 9.30 M: 11 DWINE LINING. RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE DORAGINON OF THE MOTHER OF GOD. Ennismore Gdas, SW7: 10.30 Divine Liturgy. Church services tomorrow

ROYAL HOSPITAL Chebes, SW3: 11 M, Jesu, grant me this, I prey (Whitloch, Ave verum (Byrd), Fantasia in C minor (J S Bach), The Chaplain. QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOI, WCE 11 M, TE Deum (Stanford in Q. O pray for the peace of Perusalem. The Chapisin: 12.30 HC.
ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL Greenwich, SE10: 11 5 Euch, Laudate Nomen Domine (17), O Thou The Central Orb (Wood, The Chapisin.

GUARDS CHAPPIL, Wellington Bar-racks, SWI: 11 M. Let not your heart be troubled (Thaiber-Ball). Benedictus, Jesu, Joy and treasure (Bach), The Chappain: 12 HC (said). LINCOLN'S INN CHAPPIL: 11:30 MP, To Deum, Senedictus, 1 lift my cyes to the quier hills (william Liewellyn), Rev F V A Boyse.

TOWER OF LONDON, EC3: 11 M & Sermon, Responses (Wieward), Te Deum (Gibbons Second Service), Benedictus, O Sarrum Chrystum (Messiaen), Canon J G M W Murphy, (Messheri), CHORD J O M W MARPHY,
TEMPLE CHURCH, Feet Store, ECA:
2.0 a 11.15 HC Darke in F. Row dear
are thy coursels mano me. O God
(Crotch), The Creed (Merbecke), Bend
quorum via integra est qui ambulant in
lege Doralini (Stanforti), The Master.
5T CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church)
WC2: 9 a 12.15 HC, 11 M, Rev A T R
GOODE.

CHAPKI ROYAL Hampton Court Pal-act 8.30 HC: 11 M (Men's voices), Responses (Resting), Wood in E. Cumate Domino (Pitoni; 3.30 g Géen's voices), Responses (Shephard). If ye love me (Tallis), Howelis it & Seek him thar maketh the seven stars (Elgar).

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: 11 S Euch, Rev Canon P Delancy. Euch, Rev Capon P Delancy.

ALL SAINTS, Margants Street, WI: 8 &
5.15 LM; 11 HC, The Western Wind
(Sheppard), Jesu, grant me this I pray
(Whiteock, The Victor, 6 & & B. Purcell in
G mipor, Jehova, quam multi sunt
nesses (Parrett), Rev P McCeary.

DEATHS

CHRIST CHURCH, CHRISEA SWI: 8
HC, 11 S Euch, Rev D Watson,
GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South AndleyStreet 8.15 HC, 14 S Euch, Mass in C
Odorart, The Lord is my shepherd
Gercheigh, Adoremus te (dozard, Jesus
Christus, unser Heiland (Bach), Rev A W HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road, SW7: 10,30 Family & HC, Rev J A K Millar; 6.30 Informal Service, Rev J A K Millar.

845 HC 11 M. Linkoping Church Choir from Sweden. Rev K Yates. ST ALBAN'S, Brooke St. ECI: 9.30 SM: 11 HM. Missa brevis (Konr Mystedt). Rev J Knighd, 5.30 LM.

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT.
Smithfield, ECI: 9 HC; 11 M, Byrd.
Short Service, Exauge Domine (Byrd.,
The Rector 6.30 E, Parcell in G minor,
Turn these unto me (Boyce, Mr G Haiy. Turn thee unto me (soyes), art to may, at Brides. Fleet. Street. Ect: 11 Choral M & Euch. Jubilate (Weelkes Shon Service), Jackson' in G. Almighes God, the foundain of all wisdom (Tomkins), Rev M Banister, 6-30 Choral E. Responses (Clucas), Sannford in C. When David heard (Weelkes), Bead quorum via (Stunford). Justus ut painta florebit (Colin Mawby), Canon J Oases. ST CUTHBERT'S, Philbeach Gardens SWS: 10 HC: 11 S Euch, L'horz Passa. (Viadarus, Teach me, O Lord (Anwood). Rev J Vine.

SET J VILLE.

ST GEORGE'S, Bloomsbury, WC1: 10
Euch; 6.30 EP. Fr M Day.

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1:
8.30 FC: 11 S Euch, Ashfield in C O
Thou the Central Orb (Wood), The
Rector. ST GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS. St Glies High St, WC2: 8 & 12 HC; 11 MP, Rev G C Taylor; 6.30 EP, Rev P Fanneh. ST JAMES'S, Musselli Hill, Nio 8 HC; 10.30 Morning Worship, Rev G Wil-lams: 6.30 United Service, Bishop of London.

ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly, WI: 8.30 HC 11 S Euch, Rev D Reeves: 5.45 EP.

ST SORN THE SAPTIST, Holland Rd. W14: 10 Mass (Earln): 11 SAC 6 V & B. ST JOHN'S WOOD CHURCH, NWS: 8 HC. 9.30 Parish Communican; 11 SEUCh, Missa a Quatiro Voci (Montevent), O where shall wisdom be found (Boyce), The Vicar. HC, Sancia et Immaculata 5-(Morales), Rev S Watson: 6.30 ee O Lord (Rachmaninov), Rev S

ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 10 Family Communion: 11 S Each, Missa Tempore equadragatimas (Haydol). Tanium ergo (Durallé), Rev J Hambie ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 11 Choral M, Response (Howells). To Deum (Gibbons Short Service), Teach me, O Lord (Anwood), Rev R Hollowsy, 12.15 HC.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC 9-45 Euch. Mass (Stokes). To Deum (Kelly, I sat down under his shadow (Bairstow). Rev J Pridmore: 11-36 Visitors to London Service. The View; 2.45 Chinese Service, Rev G Lee; 5 Choral E: 6-30 ES, Sister Many Sheppard. ST MAKY ASBOTS, Kensington, W8: 8 & 12.30 HC, 9.30 Parish Ench, Fr F Gelli, 11.15 Choral M. Fr F Gelli; 6.30 E. Fr I Robson. ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SWI: 9, 945, 7 LM: 11 HM. Mass in C (Schubert: 6 Solemn E & B. ST MART'S, Primrose Hill, NWJ: 8 HC. 10.30 S Euch, Missa Acterna Christi Munera (Palestrica), O usue and see (Vaughan Williams), Rev D Jones.

ST MARFIEBONE, Marylebone Road, WI: 8 RC: 11 Choral Each, Mass in D (Dvorak), Domine non sum dignus (Byrd), Rev R McLaren; 6.30 Choral E. ST MARY-LE-STRAND (WRNS Church). Strand WC2: 11 Sung Communion, Rev E Teals.

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CHURCH PO OUR LADY. Usson Grove, S. John's Wood: 10.45 Missa Pallomena (verdelod, verba Mes Eschüd, CHURCH: OF OUR MOST HÖLY RE-DEEMER, Calyne Row, \$W3: 10, 41, 12.15 & 6.30, Pt P. Nolan. FARM STREET, WI: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM, Diffusa est gratia (Nanhil), Missa O quam gioristum (Vinoria), Uni Caritas et amor (Durulië).

ST MATTHEWS, Great Peter St. SWI: 8 LM: 10 SM, Music (Murray/Lourdes). Rev M Skinner: 6.30 LM.

THE GRATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Mays. Mass for four voices (Byrd), in acclesis: (Gabriell), 12,30, 4,30, 7: 3,30 V & B, Cantage Domino (Hassier).

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Mr Dawson Stanley Burn Address: 279 Ftr Tree Road Essonn Downs Surrer Died. 16 Pos-ember 1990 Reply to: Hughes Watton 69 Eccreten Square London SW1V 1PJ By 30th April (c) From James Etroy Flecker's The Gates of Damascus, West, Gate: "The dragon-green, the imminous, the dark, the sespent-haunted sea."

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(b) Uninformed or ill-informed, from the Latin parass little + scire to know: "I do not complain that your interruptions are impertinent. You are a young man. What is less forgivable is the profundity of your GALEANTHROPY

(a) The delusion that one is or is becoming a cat, from the Greek gales the weasel or marten-cat + authropos a man: "Can you not see from the way she purrs, stretches, and licks her bottom that she is suffering from the rare condition of galeanthropy?" BALAYEUSE

Lives Remembered

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son. Thomas Mici brother for Charles. KRUEGER - On February 11th 1992, to Elleen (née Heaney) and John, a son. John Cornellus. 7ths 61-xx. LAVINGTON - On February 19th, in Kuzia Lumpur, to Gerardine mée Cheel and Perregène, a daughter, Stephanie Anne, a sister for SHAW - On February 19th, at Odslock, Salisbary, to Helen (née Magson) and Peter, a daughter, Lucy Caroline.

WEBB - On February 16th, to Jennifer (née Binder) and

John. a son, Jonathan Frederick, a brother for

LYNESS:MULVILLE - AL Kensington Registry Office. on February 23rd 1932, Robert to Elisabeth. Now

ting and Poetry.

ANDERSON - On February Diego. USA. William James (Bill). aged 60 years, late of Churt. Beloved husband of Resina and loving father of Nick. Jamie and Kimbertey. Shall be sadly missed by everyone who had the privilege to know him. Funeral Service to be held at St. Andrew's Church. Farnham. on Tuesday February 25th at 12 noon. followed by interment at Thursley. Parish Churchyard. Flowers and

1992. peacefully after a short illness in a nursing home in Congleton. Cheshire. Kaliheen Mary Koyl Bell. in her 82nd year, the much loved mother of Charlotte. Judith. Rosemary. John (decrased). Alastair and lames and a devoted Chartotte. Jodith. Mosemary.
John (decrased). Alastair and
James and a devoted
strandmother and greatgrandmother and greatgrandmother. Funeral
Service at All Saints Church.
Siddington. Chesture. on
Wednesday February 25th at
1 pm. followed by private
committal at Macclessfield
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desired for The Egst
Chesture Hospice. Macclesfield, along with enquiries to
J.T. Wadsworth & Son. 9-11
Beech Lane, Macclessfield, tel:
(0625) 422307.
RERNERS - On February

(10625) 422307.

BERNERS - On February 20th, peacefully at the Bartington Lodge Nursing Home. Civellenham. Vera Ruby. Baroness Berners, aged 90. Widow of Harold Williams and sister of the late LL. Cir. Lionel Tyrwhilt. Dearly loved mother of Pam and Rosemary and dear grandmother of Rupert. Caroline, Robin. Simon and Alastair and great-grandmother of Sally and John. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church. Leckhampion, on Thursday February 27th at 11.45 am. followed by private cremation, Flowers may be sent to W-3. Trenhalle. 174 Bath Road, Chellenham. Glos.

Gios.

80WEN - On February 18th, suddenly at the Westminster Hospital, London, Christopher, aged 39 years, beloved son of Gwenneth and the late Dr. Ernest Bowen, Loved by Georgina and by his many friends. Funeral private on wednesday 26th at 2.30 pm. A Service of Thanksofving for Christopher's life will be held later in London to which att friends are invited. Enquiries to k. Morgan, Gamamman, Dyfed, South Wales, (0269) 822179.

PEMN - On February 21st 1992, peacefully at home. Audrey, aged 95 years, dearly loved wife of the late Frank Penn. Funeral private.

FERRIS - On February 19th, suddenly in hospital. eged 78, Henry Stanley, Professor Emeritus of Birmingham University Most beloved husband of Maureen dearest father of John, Pat. Christopher and Eleanor and father-in-law of Gill. Jenny and David. Adored grandfather of Tom, Etzabeth. Carolyn. Andrew, Kalharise, Mark. Christopher. Charlotte and Crace. Fumeral at Edghaston Old Church on Wednesday February 26th at 1.45 pm. followed by cremators at 1.230 pm. Family flowers only please. donations if desired to British Diabetic Association. C/o Ian Hazel Funerals. 5 Betwell Lane. Four Oaks. Sutton Coldfield B74 4AA.

GARDNER - On February 18th.

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GARDNER - On February
19th, peacefully after a long
fliness. Anthony, beloved
eldet son of Ceraid and
Rotabella Cardner, much
loved brother of Robin and
Janet, and much loved friend
of Roger. Family flowers
only please. Donations to
The Bursar, Andrew Hepper
Memorial Fund, Selvym
College, Cambridge CB3
9DQ, Private funeral service.
Memorial Service at a date to
be amnounced in due course.
HARMAN - On Thursday
February 20th, aged 91. In
place, at Tully, Helen Sarah,
widow of the Rt. Hon, Str
Chartes Harman, Pimeral 12
noon, Thesday February
28th et St. Catherinesty

widow of the Rt. Hon. Str. Charles Harman. Functal 12 you to and fro. F.S. & C. Trustes Harman. Functal 12 noon. Toesday February 28th. at St. Catherine's. Louisburgh. County Mayo. MOURTON - On Jameary 29th, James (Jimi) Laurence. Peacefully in his sleep in Rome sites a short Illness. Fundly functal. no flowers please. Donailons, if desired. to Save the Criticiren Fund. To Save the Criticiren for the Save that the Save the Criticiren for the Save that the Save tha

DEATHS

OKELY - On February 16th.
Bridgel (née Bradford), with
determined dignity, at Sutton
Manor Nursing Home.
Formery Lecturer at the
University of Sorrey.
Beloved mother of Judith
and Elaine and grandmother
of Daniel and Patrick.
Funeral at Salisbury
Crematorium on Wedneaday
February 26th at 2.15 pm.
No flower's please. Donations
if desired to The Abbelmer's
Disease Society. 158 Baitham
High Road. London SW12
98N.
ROBBIR - On February 20th.
James Harper. saed 84
years, suddenly at Ashtead
Hospital. Dear husband of
the late Helen and much
loved father of Sue and
grandfather. Service at
Randalls Park Crematorium.
Lestharhead, on Wedneaday
February 26th at 8 pm.
Family flowers only.
ROPER - On February 20th.
1995. ROPER - On February 20th 1992. Dr. John Fitzgerald Roper and his wife Mahony (see Reed). of Tauranga, New Zealand and Forde Abbey in Dorset. Beloved pavents of Thomas and Maithew.

IN MEMORIAM -PRIVATE OSKAR KOROSCHKA -Today and always. God bless you to and fro. F.S. & C.

O-SHALICHDESSY HONORA of 1758 Paire Muire, Newbridge, Co Kindare, Republic of Ireland died on 18th July 1930 Particu-lars to Rayner De Wolfe Solicitors of 31 Southampton Row London WCIB 6HJ before 23rd April 1987.

(b) A strip of cloth on the inside hem of a long dress, from the French balayear a sweeper: "The balayear is allowed to project beyond the edge of the dress, so as to form a decorative as well as a useful trimming."

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TIMES HES OF 1991

OBITUARIES

EUGENE BLACK

Eugene Robert Black, president of the World Bank from 1949 to 1962, died in his sleep at his home in Southampton, Long Island, on February 20 aged 93. He was born in Atlanta, Georgia on May 1, 1898.

THROUGHOUT most of his presi-World Bank, Eugene THROUGHOUT most of the World Bank, Eugene Black was probably the best-known in the world, both as Black was probably me occurrence financial figure in the world, both as independent agency providing aid for development projects in some 60 countries, and as a vigorous advocate of development assistance and critic of policies that he believed hampered economic progress. Although he himself had played no part in the founding of the World Bank and had only a small share in establishing its fundamental policies, it was under his leadership that it emerged as perhaps the most successful of the international organisations set up in the wake of the second world war. Few men have done more than this apparently conventional American banker to raise the living standards of the poorer peoples of the world. Eugene Robert Black came of a

prominent Southern family: his father, Eugene R. Black, Snr. was governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta and served as gover-nor of the Federal Reserve Board; his maternal grandtainer, racing frady, was a famous Southern editor in the Reconstruction period. Black was educated at the University in the US Navy during the first world war.
After the war he pursued for a quarter of a century a successful but

entirely conventional banking career. For some years he was Atlan-Career, For some years at New York ta representative for a New York investment bank; later he assumed reponsibility for the Southern offices of its successor company, the Chase-Harris, Forbes Corporation. In 1933 he moved to New York, joining the Chase National Bank, of which he became a vice-president in 1937. He was primarily concerned there with the New York bond market and he acquired a reputation as an extraordinarily skilful salesman of bond issues.

Black's association with the World Bank began in 1947. The Bank, a child of the Bretton Woods confer-

Roberto d'Aubuisson,

heart attack after a long

battle with throat cancer in

San Salvador on February

20 aged 48. He was born

there on August 23, 1943.

nist with the reputation of

being a ruthless killer.

Roberto d'Aubuisson had

rugged good-looks and prac-

mo style of politics that struck

fear into the hearts of many

Salvadoreans while winning

the adoration of others.-Al-

though the allegations were

never proved in court, he was

widely believed to be the

"Godfather" of the right-

wing death-squads that mur-

dered thousands of

Salvadoreans suspected of

moved towards civil war in

the early 1980s. He was pub-

licly accused by Napoleon

Duarte, the late, former Sal-

vadorean president, and Rob-

ert White, a former United

States ambassador to San

Salvador, of masterminding

the assassination of the Arch-bishop of San Salvador, Os-

car Romero, who was shot in

the heart as he said mass in

1980. White called d'Aubuisson "a pathological killer" but d'Aubuisson

shrugged off the accusations

Although his bid for the

presidency failed he hand-picked his successful succes-

sor, Alfredo Cristianiand

sympathisers as El Salvador

harbouring

left-wing

nised a swaggering, machis-

- - A FANATICAL anti-commu-

founder of El Salvador's

- "ruling Nationalist Republi

can Alliance party and al-leged leader of right-wing death squads, died of a

ence, had begun operations the previous year. It had been slow to find its feet, partly because of disagreement over the respective roles of its management and nationally-appointed board of directors, partly because its available resources, consisting of little more than the United States subscription, were clearly inadequate for the task of financing post-war reconstruction and economic development.

When John J. McCloy was appointed president of the Bank, Black was brought in to support him as executive director representing the United States. It was hoped that Black's influence in Wall Street,

remained a powerful figure in

D'Aubuisson was the de-

scendant of a Frenchman

who went to Central America

to help build the Panama

Canal. His father was a sales-

man and his mother a civil

servant. As he grew up, El Salvador was still firmly in

the grip of the catorce gran-

de, the 14 families, a tightly

knit clan of oligarchs who ran

and effectively owned the country. He received a

Roman Catholic education at

a Jesuit-run school in San

Salvador and then joined the

He quickly became rabidly

right-wing in his political out-

look and as a junior officer in the Guards' intelligence de-

partment became involved in

compiling detailed records of

thousands of Salvadoreans

deemed to hold politically un-

acceptable opinions: liberal politicians, trade union offici-

als, academics, student org-

anisations and even some

colleagues in the military.

These files provided the raw

material for the death squads

which plunged El Salvador

into a nightmare of political

violence over the ensuing de-

cade. The secrets they con-

tained ranged from suspected

connections with the coun-

try's emergent guerrilla

movements to bank accounts,

love affairs and drinking hab-

its. Once a victim had been

selected, off-duty troops and policemen did most of the

dirty work. But d'Aubuisson

gained a reputation as a ruth-

less torturer of suspected left-ists which later led US

embassy personnel to nick-

name him "blow-torch Bob."

DEATHS: Johann Gutenberg.

National Guard.

the background.

There followed 13 years of unbro-

then the only possible source of further funds for the Bank, would prove sufficient to overcome the bond market's deep suspicions of the unproved and unusual new

Black succeeded brilliantly. Mainly through his efforts, a large issue of Bank bonds was successfully floated on the New York market in May 1947 and further issues followed. Simultaneously, Black led a campaign of persuasion across the United States that resulted in removal of most of the legislative obstacles that in many states had prevented institutional investors from buying the Bank's securities. Early in 1949,

ROBERTO D'AUBUISSON

president of the Chase Manhatten Bank and prepared to return to private banking. Shortly afterwards, however, McCloy became High Commissioner in Germany, and Black was chosen to succeed him as president of the World Bank.

ken success for Black and the Bank. The Bank's borrowing operations were widened to include most of the world's capital markets. Its lending rate increased gradually from about E50 million to £250 million a year. and it accompanied its loans with a steadily broadening range of techni-cal assistance services. Black jealousmaintained the Bank's independence and professional standards. He displayed a conservatism (particularly on the subject of the role of private enterprise in development) that sometimes provoked irritated criticism but which was largely responsible for the high standing of the Bank in circles that looked with little enthusiasm on other international organisations. This high standing ensured that the Bank was always able to raise as much money as it needed for its lending; it also gave great influence to Black's calls for increased support for the international aid effort. Although conservative, Black was always willing to consider new ideas, and it was with his enthusiastic approval that the Bank acquired two new affiliates that took it into the fields of equity and low-interest lending.

Black's genuine and deeply-felt

concern for the needs and aspirations of the developing countries, his personal friendship with many of their leaders and his obvious independence, led to his mediation of several disputes between member countries of the Bank. Together with his deputy, Sir William Hiff, he reconciled the financial claims of Britain, Egypt and the Suez Canal Company after the crisis of 1956 and in 1960 brought about a settlement of the Indus waters dispute between India and Pakistan. It was on his initiative also that consortia of lending countries were formed under the Bank's leadership to coordinate efforts to finance the development plans of India and

Black was troubled by ill health in

shirts won him an adoring

female following. He was a

slight, wiry man, only 5ft.7ins

tall but - having been

wounded twice in unsuccess-

ful assassination attempts -

he exuded a tough, virile ap-

peal. He thrived on a reput-

ation of smoking and

drinking heavily, playing poker and chasing women. He was also a spellbinding public speaker. A favourite

gimmick was to hold up a

vaterinelon and compare it

with his rivals, the centrist

Christian Democrats, whose

campaign colour was green.

"Green on the oustside," he

would say. Then, slicing the

melon open with a machete.

he would spit contemptuous-

Guard office, he had reputed-

ly taken with him much of the

damaging material he had

accumulated on suspected leftists, together with a net-

work of death squad contacts.

And after establishing Arena.

he capitalised on the right's

horror of communism. In regular television appear-

ances he would identify and

denounce what he called

"subversives", after which many would be killed by the

When he left his National

ly: "and red on the inside."

Black was appointed senior vice- his final years at the Bank and he resigned in December 1962 some months before expiry of his term of office. Subsequently he renewed his connection with the Chase Manhatten Bank but he did not lose his interest in the problems of economic development: he served in 1963 on the Clay Committee that examined US aid policies.

Retirement from the World Bank meant little slackening of pace for Eugene Black. He was immediately appointed special financial consultant to the United Nations, in which post he not only marketed the organisation's bonds, but took on the less than popular task of dunning member nations for their arrears of contributions.

At the same time he was made chairman of the Brookings Institution - one of the foremost Washington "think-tanks" - and became a director of The New York Times, the Chase Manhattan Bank, the Equitable Life Assurance Company, the International Telephone and Telegraph Company, the Royal Dutch Petroleum Company, American Express and several other companies and financial institutions. He also served as financial adviser to the ruler of Kuwait in the 1960s and was chairman of the John F. Kennedy library.

Tall, sparely built, with a relaxed air and a voice that proclaimed his Georgian origins, Black was a man of great personal charm. His interests were not limited to banking; he was an enthusiast for both baseball and Shakespeare and he gave much of his time to service on the boards of many educational and charitable foundations.

Black's trusteeships included Johns Hopkins University, the Institute for International Education, the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the Ford Foundation. In his seventies, however, he began to give up most of his business activities and he and his wife, who at one time had four homes, finally retired to their house on Long Island.

Eugene Black's first wife, Dolly, died in 1928. He remarried in 1930 and is survived by his second wife, Susette, two sons and one daughter.

close second. The Carter ad-

ministration had barred him

from entry to the US and the

Reagan administration,

which was backing Duarte's

Christian Democrats, was no

warmer. He dismissed the

significance of US military

aid, saying if he was elected

he would accept it only if it

came without conditions - in

effect rejecting US congres-

sional demands for more at-

tention to be paid in Salvador

to the question of human

In the 1984 election, how-

ever, he lost narrowly to

d'Aubuisson appeared to

mellow. He selected Cristiani,

as Arena's candidate for the

1989 presidential elections

and after Cristiani's victory

apparently acquiesced when

the new president moved

away from the rabid anti-communism that had been

d'Aubuisson's hallmark, in-

troduced a series of economic

reforms and entered into a

dialogue with the left-wing rebels. D'Aubuisson was

credited with having played a

decisive role in restraining

the extreme right-wingers of

the party and played a posi-tive role in supporting the

accord with the rebels of the

Farabundo Marti National

Liberation Front (FMLN)

that led to a United Nations

mediated cease-fire agree-

His death came three

He is survived by his wife,

weeks after a cease-fire went

ment.

a conservative businessman.

Duarte.

Afterwards

GEN JAMES POLK

General James Hilliard Polk, who led the US Army's 3rd Cavalry Regiment under General Patton following D-Day died on February 18 aged 80. He was born on December 13, 1911.

JAMES Polk won his medals in action -- he fought under General George Patton - but his chief claim to fame was as a determined commander in the more subtle conflict of the Cold War. Appointed United States commandant in Berlin in January 1963, he took over responsibility for the divided city at a time of extreme tension and soon made dear his determination to stand up to Soviet bloc harassment.

His first major test came in November of that year, when a US Army convoy was detained for 41 hours by Soviet troops on the highway corridor between West Berlin and West Germany. Polk declared that the blockade was a deliberate attempt "to call the shots on Allied access to Berlin." adding, "We are determined that they shall not." The Soviets backed down.

crete and steel barriers along

In July 1964 while East Germany was building con-

the border to stop refugees from using trucks to ram their way into West Berlin, Polk made a speech pledging that the United States and its allies would continue to defend their section of the city "just as long as necessary."

An expert in armoured warfare, Polk emphasised training in small-unit combat tactics, and was also noted for working to halt racial friction and deterioration in troop morale. After his stint in Berlin he stayed in Europe, commanding the United States Corps in Frankfurt. Promoted to 4-star general, he went on to command both the 7th Army in Germany and all American forces in Europe from 1967 until his retire

ment in 1971. Polk, who graduated from West Point in 1933 and became a brigadier general in 1956, was a firm believer in the necessity for a powerful American presence in central Europe as an anti-war deterrent. Soon after his retire-ment he challenged 'influential voices" who wanted to see a reduction in

James Polk is survived by his wife, Josephine, a son and daughter.

APPRECIATIONS

Lord Dulverton

IT WOULD not be possible to fit into a single obituary (February 19) reference to all Lord Dulverton's commit-ments worldwide or the good he achieved. It was perhaps no coincidence that his wartime service was with the Lovat Scouts for he had a sizeable dash of Scottish blood in his veins and an immense regard for the Scots, and he gave much of his time to work on the rural scene North of the Border.

Having been a long serving and active member of the Red Deer Commission and the Scottish committee of the Nature Conservancy Council (amongst many other bodies). and honorary president of Timber Growers United Kingdom, he exercised a wide and beneficent influence in land use matters. A naturalist and forester of deep practical knowledge and experience which was abundantly evident on his own properties at Fassfern and Glenfeshie, he was also a superb photographer of wildlife. At Batsford Park he created

over the years an arboretum of outstanding beauty and merit - a lasting memorial to a dedicated and caring countryman who gave much in

Jean

NOT only was Jean Hamburger (obituary, February 11) internationally famous and the mandarin of French medicine, but he was also a generous supporter of many young doctors who visited the Necker Institute from east

return. J.M.G.G.

Hamburger

and west.

in 1968, I went on an elective period to Paris on the very eve of the événements. I was very warmly received, lent Jean Hamburger's garçonnière in the Latin quarter and encouraged to study and enjoy myself throughout those turbulent and fascinating months. Many of us are in debt for his kindness, support and teaching which was greatly

Peter Dorrington Ward

As a young medical student

FEB 22 ON THIS DAY

1909 motor started and at the fire

The year was one of great

activity in aeronautics: Bleriot flew the Channel, Latham chieved a flight of 96 miles: Paulhan climbed to 600 metres. Pau in France was the centre for the pioneers - there Wilbur Wright had established the first flying

KING ALFONSO ANDTHE **AEROPLANE**

"I have rarely been so binerly disappointed in my life," said King Alfonso to the representative of The Times this morning, "as I was yesterday when I was compelled by a definite promise not to accompany Mr Wright in an aeroolane flight. Had I not aeroplane flight. Had I not torn myself away from the aviation field I should not have

been able to resist the Yesterday was a brilliant Pau morning, and the young King, who had kindly consented to the presence of many French, Spanish, English and American reporters and photog-raphers, arrived early at the scene of operations, where Mr Wilbur Wright was already standing by his wonderful machine. Up to the last minute it was believed by the King's attendants that he would be allowed to make an ascent. "For many years I held the record as the youngest Sow-ereign, but I have now been beaten by Manuel of Portugal and the young Emperor of China. I had hoped today to establish another record by being the first Sovereign to fly; but, alast it has been denied

rai conversation with Mr Orville Wright. After a moment's inspection of the machine his Majesty intimated that he would like to see it fly, and Mr Wright then commenced the most remark-able series of evolutions he has attempted in Europe. The

me," he said in the course of

turn of the propellers the aero-plane ran along the rail and ascended without a hitch. Mr Wright proceeded some little distance, and then, by a sudden evolution, came back and flew over the heads of the King and the speciators. After some other evolutions

he disappeared in the distance ne disappeared in the distance and was lost to view for I4 minutes. Anxiety was expressed by some of those present, but not by Mr Orville Wright or Miss Wright. It eventually appeared that Mr Wilbur Wright had made a wide sweep over the surrounding country, and he returned. ing country, and he returned from a totally different direction from that in which he had departed. It was a dramatic manoeuvre, proving his con-fidence in, and mastery of, the machine, and the ease with, which an aeroplane, owing to its rapid flight, can make a

surprise approach.

King Alfonso did not conceal his surprise and delight at the perfection of this invention. He olied the Wrights with many ruestions as to the difficulty of flying and its use for reconnoming in warfare, which have already been dealt with in despatches to The Times. He showed a keen appreciation of the Wrights' master patent - namely, the wings - which enable them to maintain their equilibrium, to, combat unexpected gusts of wind, and to turn with great speed. In order to acquaint himself with the method of control. King Alfonso took his seat in the aeroplane and worked the two levers.

A question was put to Mr Wilbur Wright as to the wheel control used in the British seroplane. Mr Wright replied: aeropiane. Mr Wright replied:
"Wheel steering is not possible
with an aeroplane. It is not
rapid or delicate enough." Mr
Wright also expressed his disbelief in the plan of starting from the ground on wheels, as in the British acroplane, and it was pointed out that the French aeroplanists are now proposing to adopt the Wrights' system of starting from a derrick.

Anniversaries

Today BIRTHS: George Washington, first president of the USA 1789-97, Westmoreland County, Virginia, 1732; Arthur Schopen-hauer, philosopher, Gdansk, 1788; Robert Baden-Powell, Baron Baden-Powell, general, founder of the Boy Scout movement, London, 1857; Heinrich Hertz, physicist, Hamburg, 1857; Eric Gill, sculptor and Charles Ist Se typographer, Brighton, 1882: Edna St Vincent Millay, poet. Rockland, Maine, 1892. DEATHS: David Bruce, David king of Scotland, reigned
 1329-71. Edinburgh, 1371; Amerigo Vespucci, merchant and adventurer, Seville, 1512: James Barry, painter, London, 1806: Sir Charles Lyell, geologist, London, 1875: Jean Baptiste Corot, painter, Paris, 1875; Hugo Wolf. lieder composer, Vienna, 1903: Elizabeth Bowen, novelist, London, 1973; Oskar Kokoschka. painter, 1980; Andy Warhol,

> Tomorrow BIRTHS: Samuel Pepys. London. 1633; George Frederick Handel, composer, Halle. Germany, 1685; George Watts, painter, London, 1817.

inventor of printing, Mainz, 1468; Sir Joshua Reynolds, first president of the Royal Academy 1768-92. London 1792; John Keats, poet. Rome. 1821; John Quincy Adams, 6th president of the USA 1825-29, Quincy. Massachusetts, 1848; Joanna Baillie, poet and dramatist, London, 1851: William Butterfield, architect of the Gothic revival, London, 1900; Thomas Woodrow Wilson, 28th president of the USA 1913-21, Nobel Peace laureate 1920, Washington, 1924; Dame Nellie Melba, soprano. Sydney, NSW, 1931; Sir Edward Elgar, Master of the King's Musick 1924-34. Worces-ter, 1934; Leo Hendrick Backeland, inventor of Bakelite, Beacon, New York, 1944; Paul Claudel, poet and dramatist, Paris, 1955; Stan Laurel (Arthur Stanley Jefferson), actor. Santa Monica, California, 1965: L. S. Lowry, painter, Glossop, Derby-shire, 1976; Sir Adrian Bouk, conductor. Tunbridge Wells,

The Cato Street conspiracy was uncovered, 1820. The Russian February Revolution, ending March I (old style date) 1917.



become chief intelligence officer of the National Guard but became implicated in an attempted coup and when reform-minded officers staged their own coup he was cashiered. Some members of the new junta wanted him tried for treason but he fled to Guatemala. He spent 18 months in exile from where, with the backing of Guatema-

The Right Rev Stanley Booth-Clibborn, Bishop of Manchester,

is to retire at the end of November

The Ven Leonard E. Olyoti,

Archdescon of Taunton, diocese

of Bath and Wells, is to retire as

The Rev John Acreman, Curate,

Iver: to be Rector, Hook Norton

with Great Rollright, Swerford

The Rev Anthony S Adamson, Curate, Benwell Team Ministry:

to be Vicar, Tweedmouth

The Rev Christopher Allen, Head

of Pathfinders, Church Pastoral

Ald Society, and Honorary Cu-

be Vicar, St Bernard, Hamstead

The Rev Dennis R A Brett.

Assistant Curate, Bradford-on-

Assistant Chance, Bradient-ori-dry Trinity: to be Priess-in-charge, Bishopstrow and Boreham (Salisbury). The Rev Nigel G Coatsworth,

Priest-in-charge, Weston Rhyn and Selattyn: to be Rector, Wes-

ion Rhyn with Sciatryn

The Rev Peter L Coley, Assistant

Curate, St Catherine, Mile Cross:

when he will be aged 68.

from June 30.

(Newcastle).

(Lichfield).

Clergy appointments

and Wigginton (Oxford).

tary right-wing movements, he set about creating the Nationalist Republican Alliance party, known by its Spanish

tary hardliners and his lean good-looks and skin-tight

death squads.

acronym Arena. His belligerent anti-communist stance brought him support from El Salvador's right-wing business sector. wealthy landowners and mili-

Arena won a majority in the National Assembly in 1982 and d'Aubuisson became president of the Assembly. Two years later he campaigned against Napoleon Duarte for the presidency, on an uncompromising plat-

form of defeating the lefthis only ogre. The US came a

wing guerrillas on the The communists were not

into effect following the signing of peace accords by President Cristiani and the rebels. Luz Maria, and four children.

Church news

with Stratton St Michael and Wacton (Norwich). The Rev Jeffrey Daly, previously Priest-in-charge, Steventon with Milton (Oxford): to be Assistant Chaplain. Sherborne Boys' School (Salisbury).
The Rev Grantley A Finlayson, Assistant Priest/Curate, Watford St Michael's (St Albans): 10 be

Team Vicar, West Slough St Michael's, West Slough Team Ministry (Oxford). The Rev Raymond J Forbes, Rector, Hamworthy: to be Priest-

in-charge, Symondsbury and Chideock (Salisbury). The Rev Geoffrey V Gillard, Director of Studies and Course Director of the St Albans Diocese Ministerial Training Scheme to be Principal of the St Albans Diocese Ministerial Training Scheme (St Albans).

The Rev Victor R Harrod, Rector, Orsett with Bulphan: to be Vicar, Thorpe le-Soken (Chelmsford). The Rev Peter W Hart, Curate Sketty (Swansea and Brecon): to be Priest-in-charge, Warndon, St Nicholas (Worcester).
The Rev Gordon G Hodson, Priest-in-charge, Chebsey, Ellenhall and Seighford with Cresswell: 10 be Rector, Chebsey.

Ellenhall and Seighford with The Rev Robin N Hungerford, Assistant Curate, Swindon Dorcan (Bristol): to be Team Vicar, Melbury Team Ministry

Minister Hopwas (Lichfield): to be Bishop's Officer for Parish Mission and Development

and Diocesan Director of Or-dinands (Hereford): to be Team Rector, Huntingdon Team Ministry (Ely). The Rev Graham Kings, Vice-

Martyn Lecturer in Missiology in the Cambridge Federation of Theological Colleges, and Over-seas Adviser to the Henry Martyn Trust (Ely), and also to be Canon Emeritus of Kerugoya Pro-Cathedral (Kirinyaga, Church of the

(Peterborough). The Rev Alfred F Ridley, Rector

(Liverpool).

Farthingstone (Peterborough)

to be Rector, Stratton St Mary (Salisbury) The Rev Ron Jackson, Resident

> (Bradford). The Rev Preb Walter R King. Rector, Hereford St Nicholas,

Principal of St Andrews Institute, Kabare (Kirinyaga, Church of the Province of Kenya): to be Henry

Province of Kenya). The Rev Geoffrey Lanham, Assistant Curate, St Peter with Christ Church, Southborough (Rochester): to be Assistant Curate, St John the Baptist. Harborne

The Rev John Lawson, Assistan Curate, All Saints, Wellington with St Catherine's, Eyton (Lichfield): to be Team Vicar, Dews bury Team Parish, with special responsibility for St John's. Dews-The Rev Eric Lewis, Priest

(NSM), Oldbury Group: to be Assistant Curate, Weymouth St Paul (Salisbury). The Rev John C Minns, Hon

Priest-in-charge, St George's, Tombiand: to be also Assistant Hospital Chaptain, Norfolk and Norwich Hospital (Norwich). The Rev Randell Moll, temporary Chaplain at Sedburgh School: to be Senior Industrail Missioner

The Rev William Newton, Assistant Curate, Leigh-on-Sea. St Margaret: to be Vicar, Belhus Park (Chelmsford). The Rev Richard D Pran, Vi.ar, St Mark's, Kingsthorpe: 10 be Vicar, Northampton St Benedict

Guernsey St Pierre du Bois and St Phillippe de Torteval (Winchester): to be Vicar, Blakesley with Adstone and Maidford and

Irish back fund to aid rape girl in legal fight

flowing in from people anx

Her family is to appeal to

the Supreme Court, which

will hear evidence on Mon-

day and Tuesday and give

Mr Norris said that the

fund was suggested by people

close to the family. There had

been concern at medical and

legal costs and the prospect

that the family will have to

move house to protect the

girl's anonymity and to get away from her alleged rapist.

the father of a school friend

who is believed to live next

There have already been

complaints about the activi-ties of tabloid newspaper journalists — some from Brit-

ish papers - who are said to

Mr Norris said: "A lot of

people feel strongly that there

is already such pressure on

the family because of the situ-ation of the child, coupled with the legal dimension, that

it would be intolerable to ask

them to accept a further bur-

The rapid and enthusiastic

response to the fund had

shown that the majority of

Irish people were decent,

compassionate and tolerant

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al referendum, that such a

Mr Norris said that he be-lieved that if the fund ran into

hundreds of thousands of

pounds, some of it would be

directed to related areas such

as offices aiding rape victims.

The government is clearly relieved that the family is to appeal to the Supreme Court

and will pay its legal costs. Some analysts believe that

even if it lets her have an

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fine the constitution's pro-life

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ious to help the schoolgirl.

THE 14-year-old Dublin rape victim banned from having an abortion by the Irish High Court could receive a large sum of money from sympathisers in the Irish republic and abroad as a result of a trust fund that was set up

yesterday to help her. David Norris, a member of the Irish senate, opened an account at a Dublin bank and scores of donations were

Israelis promise reprisals

Continued from page 1 threats. To add to the tense atmosphere, a Russian immi-grant who had recently arrived in Israel was stabbed to death yesterday and three friends were injured when a Palestinian armed with a kitchen knife attacked them in the town of Kfar Saba near Tel Aviv.

The assailant, from the West Bank town of Qalqilya, was shot and injured by an armed Israeli civilian. "The aumosphere at the moment pushes extremists beyond their threshold of restraint," said Assaf Hefetz, the district police officer. "This certainly may be connected."

☐ Hundreds of Pakistani supporters of the late Hezbollah leader fought police in Karachi yesterday during a protest over his assassination. Members of the Shia Muslim Imamia Student Organisation marched towards the American embassy, but they were countered by police offi-cers who used tear gas and baton charges to disperse the

Old lesson ignored, page 8

'Miracle' man on satellite channel

RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

MORRIS Cerullo, the American evangelist whose satellite programme was sus-pended last year when the Independent Television Commission complained about miracle-working, has been given a licence to launch Britain's first 24hour religious satellite television channel.

Dr Cerullo believes that he is operating under a dir-ect mandate from God, delivered three years ago. to reach a billion people with the Christian message before the end of the decade.

A broadcast of Victory

with Morris Cerullo. on Super Channel, was suspended last year after scenes of an alleged exorcism. Viewers also saw sup-porters rush the stage claiming to have been healed during televised

One man claimed that his tumour vanished. A woman threw away her supportive brace and another claimed that she and her family had been cured of allergies. The ITC's religious pro

grammes code states that religious programmes may not contain claims to special powers which cannot be

substantiated.
Asked if there would be examples of his healing ministry on the new network. Dr Cerullo said: "There sure will be." But he plans to remain strictly within the ITC code. Victory now car-ries a disclaimer. The Rev Greg Mauro, Dr Cerullo's UK spokesman, said: "We claim that the special power is God's, not Dr Cerullo's." He said that protests were received from across Europe when the programme went off the air.

The European Family Christian Network, to be launched this summer, will reach up to 20 million European homes. Negotiations are under way to use the Astra satellite. Of the two million satellite dishes sold in the United Kingdom, most are tuned to Astra. No subscription or decoder will

The cost of up to £2 mil-lion for the first year is being financed by donors. Al though the network will start with up to 40 hours a week. Dr Cerulio is aiming

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Concise crossword, page 16 Weekend Times

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Spreading the word: Morris Cerullo, at Kensington Temple yesterday

for 24-hour broadcasting. It will include the Victory programme. Bible teaching, music, arts, sports and news. Other faiths will be represented and a five-hour Sunday morning ministry slot will include broadcasts of services led by Dr Cerullo.

The Rev Eric Shegog, di-

rector of communications criticised the development as "narrowcasting, not broadcasting". The 1990 Broadcasting

Act contains a general prohibition against religious or-ganisations holding tele-vision licences, but the ITC

can grant a licence to a nondomestic satellite service. Dr Cerullo, who is tonight addressing up to 3,000 people at Wembley conference centre in London, said last night: "I am very excited. It is part of our plan to bring the gospel to the en-tire world."

Tories under pressure to boost economy

Continued from page I prepared to be bribed with its own money. In 1983 we had record unemployment. We were 18 months away from the bottom of a very deep recession ... and we had a majority of 144 because we levelled with the British people. We didn't make any false promises and they trusted us. That's a formula we should repeat." he said in a

BBC radio interview. in recent months, with sterling under pressure within the European exchange rate mechanism, Labour leaders have toned down their demands for lower interest rates. With expectations growing among Tory MPs that Norman Lamont will have room for a cut around the time of the Budget, they are seeking to claim the credit for any reduction by making it look like a response to Labour pressure.

Speaking in Birmingham, Mr Kinnock scorned the government's plans to use a taxcutting Budget as a springboard for an election victory. This insolvent government is approaching next month's Budget with one last card in its grubby hands, a tax cut." he said. "They are going to try to buy votes with borrowed money that the voters will then have to pay back. That is the economics of

"It means robbing essential

cation, it means planting the seeds of future inflation and it means putting the purchase of votes before productive

Mr Major dismissed Mr Kinnock's criticism, saying his economic policies re-

mained a mystery. The CBI's latest monthly trends survey added to the government's economic difficulties by finding that orders were "well below normal".

With the economy stuck in the longest recession since the 1930s, the survey of 1.425 companies found 59 per cent of firms reporting below averper cent reporting orders above normal. There was lit-tle in the survey that suggested the chance of an early

recovery.

Mr Major began his tour yesterday of Corby in Northamptonshire. Leicester and Nottingham by highlighting his image as man of the people. He surprised counter staff at the Toddington service area on the MI by appearing unannounced to order tea and a buttered

The discovery of a suspect package, which later proved to be a box of papers, briefly delayed Mr Major's arrival at the Grand hotel in Corby where he attended a private lunch with local party

Shanghai shares traded

FROM CATHERINE SAMPSON IN PEKING

FOR the first time since 1949, foreigners were able to trade in Chinese shares on the stock exchange yesterday in Shanghai, the country's precommunist heardand.

The revival is politically sensitive; and only one comcany, the Shanghai Vacuum Electron Device Company, is allowed to issue shares to foreigners, known as Bshares. Shares were first issued last December, and yesterday trading was reported

million shares, 3,500 changed hands. The price rose during trading from 72 to 88 yuan and the shares are now listed by Reuters. Unlike domestic investors, foreigners get no say in company policy. They are approaching the revival with caution, pointing to the lack of regulation, and to secretive accounting practices. However the picture is balanced by the fact that prices on China's stock exchanges tend to go up.

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THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 18.848 **ACROSS** 1 Victor Hugo's debut covered by

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10 24 oars in a galley (4). 11 See town road's snarled up, and back down (3,4,5).

13 Ring a small group of soldiers round (6).

14 Lecturer given two bills, the second cut by a half (8). 15 It's a waste, eating just a soupcon

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20 Bringing up the rear, in spite of everything (5.3).
22 A mineral found all round the East — it's ancient (3-3).

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25 Arrange overtime (4). 26 The lot look round - gosh, that's

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7 Take a trip to an ancient city (4). 8 Producing screams - a murder

12 The ceiling is all Greek, it seems to me (4,4,4).

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18 You may see the answer, but not Louis, unfortunately (8).

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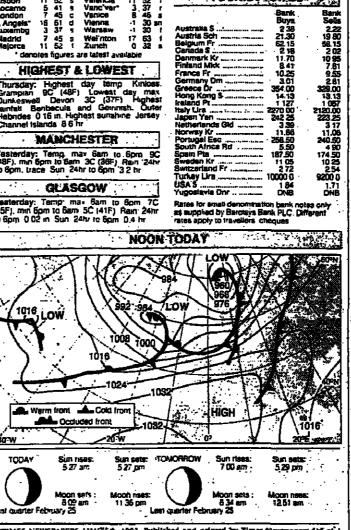
PARKER A prize of a superb Parker Duofold International Fountain Pen, with an 18 carat gold nib and fully DUOFOLD guaranteed for the lifetime of the original owner will be given for the first five correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday of the correct solutions of the particle Street Lorder El DD. Crossword Competition, PO Box 486, Virginia Street, London E1 9DD. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.

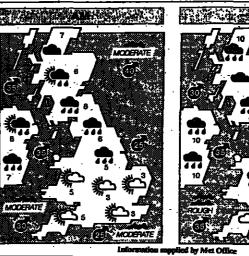
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WEATHER Wirldy and and unsettled in most areas with temperatures milder than recently. Southern counties will stay mostly dry and cloudy although there may be some bright spells. Wales, southern Scotland and the rest of England will be cloudy with some rain, heavy in the West. The north of Scotland and Northern Ireland. may have bright spells followed by rain. Outlook: unsettled with rain at times in the North, drier and cloudy in the South.

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Paul Orchard-Lisle, senior partner at Healey & Baker. has a lifestyle straight from the Thirties. His three homes include à Mayfair town house, a country residence in Bedfordshire and a place in the south of France. He has never married and mixes golf and I I-hour work sessions throughout the ..Page 19



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Profit advance at expense of 8,500 jobs and 150 branch closures

Lloyds Bank rises despite record bad debt

BY NEIL BENNEIT, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

LLOYDS Bank cheered the City by announcing a 9 per cent increase in pretax profits to £645 million despite record bad debt provisions of £918 million.

The rise was achieved at the cost of 8.500 lost jobs and 150 branch closures during the year, which helped to keep costs level. The profits also allowed Lloyds to raise its final dividend 10 per cent to 11.3p, to make 16.7p for the

year. Sir Jeremy Morse, the chairman, described the figures as "reasonably robust" but warned shareholders that bad debts would remain at a high level even after the economic recovery begins.

Brian Pirman, the chief

executive, said the job cuts would continue until 1994 bers to fall by up to 3,000 this year. He said the actual reduction would depend on the level of the bank's pay settlement, and that every additional I per cent on the senlement would cost a fur-

He added: "We are assuming low economic growth and sluggish income growth so there will be a need to continue cuts with the bank." The bank's costs fell by £1 million to £2.46 billion last

Of the 8,500 job losses,

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7,000 came from the British bank. Lloyds reduced head office staff by 20 per cent and branch staff by a tenth, while making redundancy and early retirement payments of £84 million. The cuts are being made possible by the introduction of computer processing, which is reducing the bank's volume of paperwork

dramatically. Mr Pitman warned customers that they should also expect savings rates to continue falling. "There is not the demand for money that there was and we do not have to bid for deposits in the way we did two years ago." The rise in retail deposits was a principal factor in the 4 per cent increase in Lloyds' income to

He also said that customers ould have to learn to pay for the services they use and that the banks' practice of cross-subsidising their services was over. "We have moved into a new world. It is an irritation for customers and we certainly think about how we charge them, but people are beginning to realise that like others, we have to charge for our services," he added.

Lloyds' bad debts were higher than expected and included an estimated £75 million set aside to cover its exposure to the Maxwell companies. Sir Jeremy said: "We are seeing a secondary swathe of recession, which must be expected to work its way down from the middle corporate to personal level. We are slogging along through a

Lloyds' corporate banking division was the worst hit by the recession and suffered a loss of £11 million, 'down from £8 million in 1990. Bad debt provisions to large companies rose form £175 million

The retail bank, which handles personal and small business customers, saw profits fall by £45 million to £123 million, with a rise of £63 million in bad debt provisions to £550 million. The bulk of the profits, however, came once more from Lloyds Abbey Life, the bank's 60 per cent owned life assurance subsidiary. It reported a slightly reduced profit of E305 million earlier in the week.

The slump in corporate finance work in the City saw profits at Lloyds Merchant Bank plunge 90 per cent to £1 million. In 1989, Lloyds was almost brought to its knees by bad debt provisions against its Third World debts, which pushed the bank to a record loss of £715 million. However, the rise in the value of Argentinian and Brazilian debt has allowed the bank to



Slogging through recession: Sir Jeremy Morse, chairman, reporting "reasonably robust" results yesterday

record a £62 million profit from its portfolio, compared to a £27 million profit in 1990. Lloyds has decided to retain most of its debt until the countries come to a settlement with their banks. The portfolio stands at £3.72 bil-

iion, aown 4 per cen

sults. Rob Barrett, an analyst at Goldman Sachs, said: "Brian Pitman has done it again by controlling costs. But you cannot give out any bouquets for the bank's bad debts." Analysts are forecast-ing profits of £750 million for this year, providing bad debt provisions start to fall.

Analysts applauded the re-

In his statement, Mr Pitman said 1992 would be a year of "volatility and uncertainty". Due to its strong performance, however, Lloyds is one of the few banks

in Europe and America with capital ratios strong enough to take on a substantial acquisition. "Our aim is to make ourselves as strong as possible to withstand any sudden unexpected blows and be able to take advantage of opportuninenever they occur

said Mr Pitman. Lloyds is the first of the high street banks to report. Figures from Barclays, National Westminster and Midland are due next week. Bad debt provisions are expected to push Midland into a heavy loss, while even NatWest is forecast to be close to break even. Profits from Barclays. Britain's largest bank, may be as little as £600 million.

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SIB chief leads Lloyd's enquiry

By GRAHAM SEARJEANT, FINANCIAL EDITOR

LLOYD'S of London has asked Sir David Walker, chairman of the Securities and investments Board, to lead an enquiry after complaints from outside names on lossmaking syndicates.

The complaints allege that excess of loss business was reinsured repeatedly around the market in a so-called "LMX spiral". This is alleged to have generated brokerage and fees for Lloyd's professionals at the expense of names, who therefore suffered losses disproportionate to underlying claims on

policies. Sir David will also oversee the six review committees ap-pointed under Lloyd's rules to report on syndicates with the biggest losses for the 1988 and 1989 underwriting years. The losses in these syndicates largely flow from excess of loss business and have been at the centre of the

allegations. The appointment of Sir David, who is an ex officio member of the Lloyd's council by virtue of his S1B chairmanship but is seen as independent, is a response by Lloyd's to charges that market professionals are covering up the true source of the huge losses in some syndicates. Names have mounted various legal actions aimed at retrieving losses or avoiding pay ment under the Lloyd's rules of unlimited liability.
The reports of the review

committees, which must be sent to names, are scheduled to be released in the spring, probably with the report on Feltrim syndicates by a panel led by Sir Patrick Neill, OC.

Sir David, who is due to step down as SIB chairman from the end of June, is to start his regulatory review immediately. There is no deadline for its completion but Lloyd's said it expected to publish the review this year after submission to the market's ruling council.

Nestlé is winner in battle for **Perrier**

By Wolfgang Mi nchau

THE fight for control of Perrier, the French mineral water company, appears to have drawn to an early close. with Nestle, the world's largest food group, emerging as the winner last night

The unexpected turn of events came with a Fro. 1 billion bid by BSN, the French food group, for Exor, Perrier's main shareholder. The bid is thought to be part of a negotiated settlement to resolve the conflict between Nestlé and Banque Indosuez on the one side, and Italy's Agnelli family on the other

The most likely scenario is that Nestle/Indosuez will take majority control of Perrier. while BSN buys Exor, subject to a bid from the Agnellis, who hold a large stake.

BSN will also buy the Volvic mineral water brand

The French media have speculated that BSN might resell its stake in Exor back to the Agnelli family, which could then emerge as a mi-nority shareholder in Perrier.

The complicated bid solution is the consequence of an intractable situation, marked by bids, counterbids, law suits and regulatory uncertainty. in January. launched a bid for Exor. which with others controls just under half of Perrier's shares; Nestlé then announced a Fr13.3 billion bid for Perrier, but the large holding by Exor and its aliies prevented a straight-fought

Under a ruling by the Conseil des Bourses de Valeurs (CBV), the French stock market regulator. Exor was forced to launch a bid for Perrier, but Exor is contesting the decision in the French

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Dobson: unrepentant

By Martin Barrow

AFTER more than a century of inde-

pendence, Taveners, the family-run

Liverpool confectioner that supplies

two thirds of Britain's marshmal-

lows, has succumbed to one of Eu-

rope's biggest makers of chocolates

and sweets. Bill Tavener, the chair-

man, whose family has been at the

helm for three generations, yesterday

announced an agreed bid from Toms

olate eclair sweets in the Thirties, at

£4.8 million. Acceptances have been

received from the Tavener family.

which speaks for 23.9 per cent, and

from Oy Karl Fazer, a Finnish confec-

tioner that speaks for 29.9 per cent

and had been expected to make an

offer for the rest of the company as

the concentration of Europe's confec-

tionery industry into a small number

Fazer bought in Scandinavia in-

stead and indicated that it wanted to

sell its Taveners stake. The deal was

done in truly European fashion, with

of players gathered pace.

Fabrikker, a Danish confectioner. Toms' cash offer of 165p a share values Taveners, which created choc-

FRANK Dobson, the shadow energy secretary, has stuck to his guns and insisted that a Labour government would require the two electricity genertors, National Power and PowerGen, to favour British Coal when ordering fuel for power stations.

He has also put a question mark over the future of expensive terminals being built to handle imported coal. He says Labour would curb imports and might not allow the terminals to be used.

Mr Dobson shrugged off claims by Sir Graham Day, emphasise fuel self-sufficiency, PowerGen chairman, that environmental factors and en-Labour's plans to become in- ergy saving. Both generators volved in running the genera- are close to signing a £150

Fazer introducing Mr Tavener to sev-

eral possible buyers. Toms has agreed

to allow Taveners to be run as an

independent limited company, main-

taining all production, sales and ad-

ministrative operations in Liverpool,

and with Mr Tavener in the role of

Despite losing family control, Mr Tavener, aged 59, addressed as "Mr

Bill" by staff, was in buoyant mood.

He believes Fazer's co-operation has

chairman and managing director.

directors charged with carrying out the party's policies, would be unlawful. Sir Graported coal. ham maintains that any at-

tempt by directors to favour indigenous coal supplies would be illegal because under the Companies Act they must act in the best interests of miners in the past. Mr Dobson argues that tak-

ing British coal would be in the generators long-term interests because they would not depend on erranc supplies of foreign fuels. The companies would be required, he says, to tors, perhaps by appointing million contract to build a line on 0272 465511.

terminal at Immingham, Humberside, to handle im-

The generators believe lessening reliance on British coal increases security of supply because of the potential for disruption demonstrated by ☐ Reminders have been sent

to about 25,000 shareholders in National Power and Power-Gen who have not paid second instalments for their shares. If they do not pay, they could lose their shares. Anyone who has not paid the instalment and does not receive a reminder should contact the National 4466 or the PowerGen help-

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tant for us to look after the interests A takeover by a British company would probably have condemned

helped Tavener secure the best of both worlds, benefitting from the resources of a large parent, while securing employment for the 250 employees. Mr Tavener, whose cousin John, aged 65. is export manager. said: "There is no next generation of Taveners. It was much more impor-

of our employees."

satellite plant. It would certainly have killed the entrepreneurial spirit that once inspired the company to sell Kojak lollipops.

the continuity of the workforce. Now our independence is much more assured." Taveners exports 30 per cent of production each year, with Scandinavia its main market outside Britain. The company's 1991 results, also announced yesterday, show that investment of £1.84 million in Liverpool since 1987 is reaping rewards, with pre-tax profits recovering from £\$1,000 to £400,000. Shareholders will receive a special dividend of 6p a share, compared with the previous year's total payment of 1.5p.

Toms bid for Taveners is the latest expression of European interest in the British sweet market. Nestle bought Rowntree, and Procordia, the Swedish holding company, bid £63 million for Bassett Foods, which subsequently fell to a higher offer from

Sweet welcome for this Viking invasion Taveners' salesforce and administration, while the Liverpool factory would have become little more than a

Mr Tavener added: "We feared for

Cadbury Schweppes.

Germany wants to kickstart Gatt talks

By Colin Narbrough, economics correspondent

GERMANY, current chairman of the Group of Seven industrial nations, is stepping up the pressure on other governments to rescue the stalled world trade talks from collapse, according to Jürgen Möllemann, the German economics minister.

As the G7 economy most exposed to fluctuations in international trade, Germany fears that failure of the Uruguay round talks on freer trade would damage the fragile global economy, as well as Germany, which has already suffered three consecutive quarters of contraction.

Herr Mollemann said Chancellor Helmut Kohl planned to call the American and French presidents in the next few days to try to jumpstart the trade round, which has negotiated under the General Agreement on Tar-iffs and Trade (Gatt) since

Herr Mollemann urged G7 leaders to fulfil their pledge from last summer to make the Uruguay round the

Lending surges in Germany

By WOLFGANG MUNCHAU EUROPEAN BUSINESS

A SURGE in bank lending to firms and individuals led to an annualised rise of 9 per cent in German broad money last month, overshooting the Bundesbank's target range by about 100 per cent.

The rise in M3, which includes cash, sight deposits, saving accounts and time deposits for less than four years, compares with the Bundesbank's 1992 target range of between 3.5 and $\bar{5}.5$ per cent. The surge is the result of continued strength in bank lending to the private sector, which over the last six months has risen an annualised 12 per cent. In money terms, this amounted to a rise of DM4.6 billion last month, compared with a rise of DM 300 million in January

The Bundesbank, which normally places strong emphasis on the money supply data in determining interest rates, has been unusually relaxed about the figures, which, it says, were not repre-sentative as they reflected special seasonal develop-

This week. Otmar Issing, a member of the Bundesbank's central council, indicated that the data would be bad, but stressed that a single series of monthly data should not be overvalued. Helmut Schlesinger, the Bundesbank president, also broke a taboo by announcing that interest rates would remain at the same level in the foreseeable future. His comments were designed to prevent speculators from expecting yet another rise in German interest rates after the release of the money supply data. However, despite the bank

attaching little significance to the January data, the Bundesbank remains staunchly monetarist in outlook. Another month or two of above-target increases in M3 could delay cuts in intertop priority. He said the talks in Geneva, were "heading for collapse", unless decisive political action is taken.

Peter Lilley, the trade secretary, speaking in London, said the completion of the Gatt round was the most pressing issue for the European Community at present, as success would bring a noninflationary boost to the world economy.

Although he believed agreement was still possible by the Easter deadline set by Arthur Dunkel, the Gatt director general, Mr Lilley said success was "by no means cer-

He put the odds at 60:40 in favour of a deal. Senior officials of the G7, due to meet in Frankfurt, next Friday, to prepare the ground for the July economic summit in Munich, are also expected to discuss the Gatt talks.

Mr Lilley told the Institute of Directors that it would be up to Britain, as Community president from mid-year, to pick up the pieces in an envi-ronment of increasing protec-tionism if the talks failed. Any delay beyond the Easter deadline not only opened up the "very gruesome" prospect of failure, but also of break-down in existing rules for multilateral trade.

He predicted that an agreement would be close to the draft accord put forward in December by Mr Dunkel, which has been rejected by Brussels as too favourable to America in the key area of agricultural subsidies.

Jacques Delors, president of the European Commission, has called on President Bush to make concessions to break the deadlock at the world trade talks. After talks with François Mitterrand, the French president, M. Delors said: "We have made an effort and we expect an effort by President Bush him-self, since his negotiators

won't budge."

Japan, which earlier maintained a low profile on the Gatt round, this week openly indicated serious discontent with proposals for opening up

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dential microfiches, contain-

ing details of hundreds of

customer transactions, turned

Holloway, north London.

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Barclays has offered a £250

microfiches, but they have still

not been recovered. Officials

from the office of Sir John

Quinton, the chairman, are

investigating the incident to

The microfiches were lost

two years ago when the bank's

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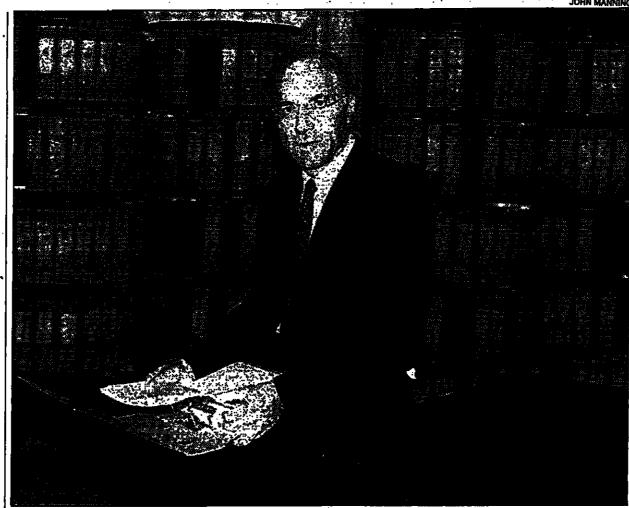
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discover how the records went



Paperwork: Brian Smouha, the BCCI liquidator from Touche Ross, in the bank's offices yesterday

BCCI compensation plan is agreed by liquidator

By Neil Bennett, banking correspondent

THE liquidator of the col-lapsed Bank of Credit and Commerce International has approved a long-awaited compensation plan with the government of Abu Dhabi. The deal will allow the bank's depositors worldwide to recover up to 40 per cent of their funds, or \$4 billion.

The agreement is the culmination of six months of negotiation between Brian Smouha, the Touche Ross accountant who is liquidating the bank, and Ghanim al-Mazrui, the chief adviser from the Abu Dhabi government, and breaks new ground in international insol-

Mr Smouha has to win approval from courts in Luxembourg, Britain and the Cayman Islands and from about 70 per cent of depositors before the compensation plan can take effect.

BCCI was closed by international bank regulators last July, after the discovery of a \$6 billion fraud. Under the terms of the deal,

the Abu Dhabi government is injecting up to \$2.2 billion

duce their mountains of

paperwork by transferring

records to microfiche or com-

puter. These are the banks'

master files and many are irreplacable.

The man who had bought

the desk reported the find to

which then contacted the in-

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ments. The bank ordered a

check on thousands of files to

discover where the missing

It believes they detail fixed

deposits of personal and

smaller company accounts in

both dollars and sterling, and

interest paid on them dating

A bank spokesman denied

the loss was a breach of sec-

urity. Barclays sent the man a

stamped and addressed enve-

lope to return the microfiches

and offered him £250 for his

trouble. It has still not recov-

ered them, however, although

the finder claims he has sent

them back. Who knows where

they could turn up next?

records came from.

back to around 1987.

Mystery of the missing microfiches

sate all BCCI depositors equally. Touche estimates that 250,000 people in 35 countries will benefit.

The Abu Dhabi govern-ment is also writing off assets worth \$2 billion that were managed by the International Credit and Investment Company, BCCI's sister company, and were misappropri-ated by BCCI's management. In return for this, Touche is cancelling \$3.06 billion of promissory notes and other financial guarantees given to

abortive restructuring plan last year. Before BCCI's closure, these were the bank's most valuable asset, but Mr Smouha decided last summer that any attempt to try and claim on these notes would end in a lengthy international legal battle and the outcome

the bank by the Abu Dhabi

government as part of its

would be uncertain. In the past, Touche has said that unless the deal goes through, depositors could receive nothing from the bank. since its remaining assets could be used up in pro-

tween different jurisdictions. Touche's staff have spent 281,000 hours working on the liquidation of BCCI since last July at an average rate of £127 an hour. Touche has charged £45 million, or almost £1.5 million a week, for its work. "BCCI just has a few more noughts than many of the liquidations around at the moment, and it is in 20 or 30 as many countries," Mr

Smouha said. The agreement will be put before the various courts next month and in April. If it is approved, depositors have until September 30 to register their claims. Touche needs acceptances from creditors owed at least \$7 billion to put the scheme into effect, and the deadline will be extended until the end of November, if the accountants do not receive the necessary approval.

If successful, depositors

should receive the first payment of 10p in the pound early next year. In Britain, many small BCCI depositors have already received compensation from the Bank of England's deposit protection

Inspectors named in Wace enquiry

THE government has appointed two inspectors to investigate Wace Group, the pre-press services company at the centre of allegations over

insider trading.

Anthony Robertshaw and Christopher Mayhew, the inspectors, will concentrate on Wace UK Holdings, a subsidiary formerly called Parkway Group that was the subject of an agreed bid by Wace in August 1990. The inspectors have been asked to examine share dealings in Parkway before the bid.

Wace started on a downward spiral this year when it was linked to talk that police authorities, including the Royal Ulster Constabulary and the Irish Garda, were looking at a suspected money laundering operation run by the IRA using a quoted Bri-

tish company.

Wace denied the rumours and a subsequent internal enquiry found no evidence of a link between any of the company's directors, past or present, and the IRA or any other organisation.

John Clegg, the Wace chairman responsible for the company's explosive growth over the past decade, had earlier resigned, saying his departure served the best interests of the company after the IRA rumours.

But the internal enquiry did turn up evidence of potentially unlawful dealings in Parkway shares before the acquisition. This was sent to the trade department, which is responsible for investigat-ing alleged insider trading. Wace said at that time that

neither the company nor any members of the existing board was a party to those share dealings. Wace yester-day welcomed the trade department investigation.

"The company has nothing to fear from its findings. Our only wish is that the position should be speedily resolved," said Frans ten Bos, the chairman.

Mr Clegg is in Chicago. His solicitor, Simon Sackman at Norton Rose, said his client had informed the company's stockbroker before the Parkway bid that three distant cousins held between them a 75.000 shareholding in Parkway. But Mr Sackman said Mr Clegg had indicated to him that he had no knowledge of any further holdings by family members.

BUSINESS ROUND UP

Brooke Tool passes final dividend

SHARES in Brooke Tool Engineering almost halved after a loss forced the company to pass payment of a final dividend. The managing director is to leave. In the 12 months to end-September, Brooke, which makes cutting tools, incurred losses of £1.3 million before tax, compared with pre-tax profits of £1.3 million in the previous financial year.
Turnover was £25.34 million (£28.8 million), but operating profits collapsed to £80,000 (£2.39 million).

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A 2.5p loss per share, against earnings of 2.2p last time, has discouraged the payment of a final dividend, leaving 0.25p (1.225p) a share. The shares fell from 13½p to 7½p. Idris Jones has resigned as managing director and intends to leave the board. He will be succeeded by John Dashper as chief executive. Pre-tax losses were struck after an exceptional charge of £408,000 relating to redundancy and relocation costs. There was also an extraordinary charge of £288,000, representing losses on disposals and closures.

Dunton curbs losses

DUNTON Group, the brickmaker that was the subject of a reverse takeover from a private property group last March, has reported a much reduced pre-tax loss for the six months to end-November of £252,000 (£2.71 million loss). There is again no dividend. The group managed operating profits of £499,000 against a £2.21 million loss last time, but these were more then swallowed up by interest payments. Clive Travers, chairman, said Dunton was unlikely to see an early return to overall profits because of the recession.

Holmes licensing deal

HOLMES Protection, a New York security company with a London listing, has signed a licensing agreement with Sears Roebuck, the American retailing chain. The agreement licenses Holmes to install residential alarm systems through Sears in New York and Long Island, an area that includes 3.7 million households. The agreement is part of a strategy devised by a new board headed by Sir Ian MacGregor. Eric Kohn, chief executive, is negotiating a \$37 million share placing that would underpin a refinancing agreement.

CE Heath share offer

CE HEATH, the City insurance company, is considering proposals to raise about Aus\$105 million (£45 million) for its Australian underwriting operations through a public offer of shares in its CE Heath International Holdings subsidiary. Heath's holding would be diluted from 90 per cent to about 45 per cent as a result. The company said the proceeds would be used to repay the subsidiary's debt and to provide capital for expansion. Ord Minnett Securities, a stockbroker, has been appointed as manager and underwriter.

Frank Usher bullish

FRANK Usher, the women's evening wear designer, is bullish about second-half profits. The company said orders for its spring and summer collections heralded a return to profit levels enjoyed before last year's downturn in consumer spending. In the six months to end-November pre-tax profits recovered from £505.000 to £585,000, lifting earnings from 4.7p to 5.7p. The interim dividend is restored to 2p (1.5p). Turnover was cut from £8.19 million to £7.61 million. Operating profits rose from £819,000 to £854,000.

E&OP £2.3m in red

EXCEPTIONAL provisions against declining property values have taken a heavy toll at English & Overseas Properties, the former property subsidiary of Pentos. E&OP made a pre-tax loss of £2.32 million last year, compared with losses of £134,000 in 1990, after an exceptional charge of £2.48 million. The loss per share was 14.24p, against a 5.51p deficit last time. The company is drawing on reserves to maintain the final dividend at 0.5p. However, the total dividend is still down from 2.5p to 1p.

Time chief resigns

ONE of America's most highly paid executives stands to gain at least \$30 million in golden handshakes after his surprise resignation as co-chief executive of Time Warner, the world's largest entertainment group. Nicholas J. Nicholas resigned after losing a power struggle to Gerald Levin, the lawyer who takes his job. Mr Nicholas is on a 13-year contract and received a salary of \$2.4 million last year. He disagreed with Steven Ross, chairman and co-chief executive over the group's direction. executive, over the group's direction.

Saga Petroleum falls

SAGA Petroleum, Norway's biggest private oil company, reported record sales of North Sea oil in 1991, but its overall profits fell as Saga wrote down the value of its shares in Elkem, a Norwegian metals maker. Saga's group profit, before extraordinary items and other adjustments, fell to 777 million kr (£69 million) from 1.11 billion kr in 1990. Crude oil sales rose to 20.5 million barrels from 17 million in 1990. Saga said it was writing down the value of its 12.4 per 1990. Saga said it was writing down the value of its 12.4 per cent stake in Elkern by 335 million kr.

Daily News losses

THE late Robert Maxwell's New York Daily News is losing money at twice the rate estimated by analysts. Figures filed with the bankruptcy court show it lost \$2.45 million in January, giving annualised losses of almost \$30 million.
Two Americans and one Canadian have expressed interest in buying the paper. Peter Kalikow, under bankruptcy protection himself and owner of the rival New York Post, Mortimer Zuckerman, owner of US News & World Report and Conrad Black, owner of The Daily Telegraph.

The empty airline seat that could lead to the job centre

Puzzled: Sir John Quinton, Barclays chairman

THREE weeks before Christmas. Jim Bowman asked his secretary to cancel his planned flight on UA 1545 from Hartford, Connecticut, to Washington DC. The United Airlines Boeing 737 took off on time at 0700 with his regular aisle seat. 5C, empty.

In three weeks' time, Derek Ayres expects to be signing on at his job centre in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. The two, apparently unconnected

events, are, in fact, inextricably linked. Jim Bowman works for Pratt & Whitney, the American aero-engine manufacturer, and by the end of last year it was obvious that it, like everyone else in the aerospace industry, would have to make massive cuts in expenditure if it was to avoid heavy losses.

Continuing defence spending had enabled it to deliver 700 engines to the American military machine in 1984, As a result of the peace dividend, with the defence department cutting back aircraft orders. Pratt & Whitney expects next year to deliver just 50.

Commercial aircraft engine sales

The calculation is simple. Each pashave also dropped sharply, and Mr senger carried on the airline's 854,461

Bowman's bosses have ordered savings of at least \$1 billion this year. Consequently. flights to Washington to meet even the most prestigious contacts had to be jettisoned.

STAFF at Barclays are scour- street banks have tried to re-

reward for the return of the his local Barclays branch,

Within a month, Pratt announced a further 2,400 job losses from its workforce, which had already been trimmed by 3,000 in 1991, and predicted that a further 2.500 would have to go within the next five years. Mr Bowman was, therefore, not alone in cancelling his flight; even in his own company, hundreds of executives will be lucky to keep their jobs, far less reserve seats on

Over in Dallas, meanwhile, executives of American Airlines, the world's biggest and most powerful airline, were doing some calculations. What they discovered frightened even hardened airline chiefs used to riding the rollercoaster of aviation economics. If one less passenger flew on each of American's flights, its revenue would fall by \$114 million.

Harvey Elliott explains how cutbacks in

the aircraft industry in America could

force British contractors to lay off staff

departures last year paid, on average, \$134 for a ticket. Remove one passenger per flight and, with costs fixed, the the next five years.

missing \$114 million carried through directly to the bottom line. By the end of the year, American had run up a loss of \$240 million. United, American's nearest rival, was in the same boat. It too was finding that recession-hit business passengers were cancelling planned flights at an

alarming rate and by the year end it had run up a loss of \$332 million. Both airlines, together dominating the vast American market, had little option but to slow down the rate they were buying new aircraft. United announced that it was delaying taking delivery of 60 Boeing 757s, 44 Boeing 737s and six 777s. American said it too was deferring options on 133 aircraft of various types planned for delivery over

United will still take delivery of 66 new jets this year. By 1995, however, this will have fallen to just 11, saving the airline some \$6.7 billion in capital expenditure.

All over the world, as the recession continues to bite, airlines are sending often brand new aircraft into the Mojave desert rather than put them into loss-making service.
Faced with such cutbacks, Boeing

decided it had to act and announced a cut in the production rate of the 737 from 21 a month to 14. Letters were sent to more than 1.700 contractors around the globe — including Smiths Industries in Britain, whose Cheltenham factory makes instruments, mainly for the 737.

Within days, it had run the implications through the computer and calculated that, with the drop in the number of spares that would be needed as airlines cut back, and the inter-linked fall in defence contracts, it was going to have to shed 195 jobs.

Smiths has a month in which to negotiate a package with the engineering union, whose works convenor is Derek Ayres, a machinist, aged 52.

He said: "Whenever I go down to the pub. I meet people, aged over 50, who have been on the dole for well over a year. There is nothing for them in Cheltenham because they are skilled men and aerospace companies, like Dowty, are also cutting back, often even more go and it is frightening."

Boeing executives are trying still to put on a brave face, even though they this week announced that an additional 8,200 jobs would go at their plants throughout America. The vast major-

work. The 737 was still breaking all delivery records, despite the cut back, and Boeing was actually increasing the production rate of the 757. Between now and the year 2005 some 9,000 new aircraft, worth more than £600 billion, would be needed by airlines and passenger growth would average 5 per cent a year at least.

Smiths, the airlines, and analysts of all kinds are, to say the least, sceptical about the predictions. How can an industry that will lose about \$3 billion in 1991, possibly find the cash to buy all these new aircraft?

Will the world's economy really recover sufficiently to put even one more passenger back onto each flight? Or will the 3 per cent drop in passenger numheavily than we are. It is more than bers, which reduced the total number of likely that I will be in the next batch to people flying by about 20 million over people flying by about 20 million over 1990 and 1991, be repeated?

Jim Bowman — and millions like him — are still not booking their flights. And Derek Ayres, and millions like him, too, are staring unemployment in the face. The vicious circle goes on.

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BUSINESS PROFILE: Paul Orchard-Lisle

Living Thirties-style in the Nineties

Carol Leonard finds a man with a

a life-style like a P.G. Wodehouse

novel but with a lust for hard work

aul Orchard-Lisle, the senior parmer of Healey & Baker, arguably the second largest firm of chartered surveyors in the world after Jones Lang Wootton belongs to a bygone age.
His Bertie Wooster life style, so

commonplace within certain strata of British society in the Thirties, is all but unheard of in the Nineties. His friends marvel at the minutae of his daily existence. He owns three homes, a spectacular town house in Mayfair, a country residence in Bedfordshire and a holiday home in the South of France, plus a four-week time share in Cape Town, where he goes every January to play golf. He employs a housekeeper in

"I've come close to it a couple of

times. Once I walked, once she

walked. Yes, different people. She

said one evening a week was not adequate. I think I now lead too

selfish a life. Also the thought of

divorce and failure appals me.

That's probably one of my hang

ups. We've had several divorces in the partnership and that has definitely influenced me."

Orchard-Lisle, whose father and

uncle were senior partners of the

firm before him, was an only child. If he had had siblings he would, he

believes, be different. "I tend to be allowed to do what I like, a lot, and

I don't have to think about other

people very much. I suspect hav-

ing brothers and sisters around might have made me look at life

differently. Probably in my early days I would have been more out-

going than I was. I was a very quiet, introverted individual."

London, entertains regularly, but one facet of conventional life is missing. He has no wife. He is the governor of three schools -Marlborough (his own), West Buckland (his father's) and Harrow — but he has no children.

2017 of 252 Paul Orchard-Lisle is 53 years eath share offer old but he has never married. "It could yet happen," he says.

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grey hair, bushy grey eye brows, and an open, direct, boyish manner. He laughs, sometimes to mask embarrassment, sometimes at himself, and if he were to swear you would somehow expect him to Boy's Own or the Dandy than a successful businessman in the aggressive property world at the tail end of the twentieth century. He has lots of friends, will regularly take an afternoon off to play golf, has a handicap of seven, will always stay for a drink afterwards, but if you ask him to name his best friend, he says simply, "Me. I'm quite happy with my own com-pany. I don't have a best friend. I had one at school but I grew out of

"I've no inhibition factoring letters. in his study at home, at all if someone for one of his two secretaries to type. At 7.45am his chauffeur arrings and says we're off for golf his chauffeur arrives to drive him the few hundred yards to work from Mount Row to Hanover this afternoon'

Square A fit man, he presum-ably enjoys the ritual of having a car. His stint in the office usually ends 11 hours later. He spends one morning a weekend on Healey & Baker work, but insists he counters this gruelling schedule by taking his full six weeks holiday a year. "It also means I've got no inhibition at all if someone rings up and says, 'Come on, we're off for golf this afternoon.' I should think one afternoon a week I'm away doing something not easily pin-nable down as this firm's business. I don't understand 9-5, Monday

to Friday, the whole week is for

living."
His other ourside interests, the three schools aside, range from Reading University and Nottingham Polytechnic, where he sits on their councils, to his local church where he is a trustee, and to the army where he reached the rank of brigadier in the territorial army. the highest rank attainable. He is quiet, introverted individual."

now an honorary colonel and was

lt is difficult to imagine. He an aide de camp to the Queen. He
comes across as big and bluff. Six - was also the youngest ever presifeet two inches tall, heavily built, a ... dent of the Royal Institution of



Rare moment at rest: Paul Orchard-Lisle's working week stretches through the weekend

president of Porters Park, his golf club, in Radlett, Hertfordshire. Everything he turns to, he ends up running. "Yes that does seem to happen," he says. "I'm not a very good committee member. Having to sit through three hours of discussion to make ten minutes of decisions is not on. Therefore 1 tend to end up as chairman and I'm renowned for short meetings."

Orchard-Lisle's obvious disregard for consensus managerugby number eight, with thick Chartered Surveyors. And he is ment extends to the manner in "Unlike some other partnerships the sharpness of his tongue. He six before he met him properly. trols to another human being

talks about it in personal terms, saying "me" and "I" when he means Healey & Baker. He does own a larger slice of the partnership than the other partners, but it is still less than 10 per cent. Sir Nigel Mobbs, chairman of Slough Estates, where Orchard-Lisle is a non-executive director - Mobbs. in turn, is a consultant to Healey & Baker - and a near contemporary of his at Marlborough, says,

which he governs his own firm. He which have become more democratic recently. Paul still runs Healey & Baker in a fairly autocratic fashion. But, there again, a lot of its business is done on his reputation. He is extremely astute and he has an enormous store of knowledge, not just about the techniques of valuation, but good judgment about property in general. He can be slightly austere and remore, but he is also very direct and I think some partners have felt

can have quite a temper, is not a good loser, but is also a natural leader. He has a lot of personal style and that, with his enormous fount of knowledge, generates respect. Having respect makes leadership much easier."

Orchard-Lisle agrees he likes to lead. "I quite enjoy it but I don't like sheep. I don't think there is a single person in my immediate team at Healey & Baker that you could regard as a sheep. I work better with graduates and professionals than support staff. I like people who wish to succeed, who are exciting, interesting, amusing, and who aren't frightened of me. It was once written somewhere that some of the partners here are afraid to talk to me. I don't understand it. I'm horrified by people who say they are frightened of talking to me. Perhaps it is because of my position."

He does not appear frightening or difficult to talk to. On the contrary he has an easy charm, his face lights up at the prospect of

anything that might be fun. and he can defuly handle any subject. "I find him enchanting and so does my wife," says Victor Benjamin. deputy chairman of Tesco. "He has a certain aura, a certain style. I cot with him, he

is very good company but is also a true pro-fessional."

Any fear may well stem in part from his position, in part from his direct manner, from his commitment to the firm and from his legendary temper. "There will be a slow kind of building and I will go pretty silent for a bit, then suddenly there will be an outburst," he says. "There will be a lot of noise. Someone might be invited to go away and consider whether they wish to work for us any longer. Normally it is caused by stupidity. or a failure to do what someone said they would do. Or by someone being obstructive, that really gets up my nose. One or two administrators catch it now and again."

He has had experience of being frightened by another human being. He vividly recalls being scared of his father, although it is, he says, not something the two ever discussed. He was born in 1938, in a flat in Ealing — "My father inherited nothing" — and his father served in the Royal Marines throughout the war. He was

because I didn't know this strange man in uniform who suddenly appeared. I hadn't had a man in the house before. I had a nanny and my mother and assumed that was how one always lived."

Although home was then Hayling Island, followed by Henfordshire, the war also meant that the young Orchard-Lisle was despatched to weekly boarding school at the age of four and prep school at eight. "It was only really when I left the army, after national ser-vice, and went to university that I spent any time with my father. We'd only met occasionally before that. But we are good friends now. He is very extrovert, he enjoys parties, song and laughter, but he also has a very strict moral code. He would be horrified if there were any wisp of impropriety in the firm, he's pretty outspoken against the gay liberation people and he believes in benevolent conservatism, as I do actually.

His father Mervyn, 80 this year, remarried and lives in the South

of France. His mother. Phyllis, His self-confessed died 20 years selfish existence ago. "Yes my parents have in-fluenced me," he begins at 5 am says. "I suppose they had a good when he starts marriage, I don't dictating letters really know, we have never talked about it, but they operated pretty

> They were not actually draped around each other all day." I ask him if he ever gets lonely, if he thinks he might marry one day. "At the moment I couldn't accommodate a marriage, or at least I'm not prepared to. It's an awful approach to marriage I suspect, but I'm beginning to worry about the long winter nights, once the pace has slowed down. I'm beginning to worry about the loneliness, but I don't want to marry for that reason alone. I'll just have to get better at television." If he did marry, would it be someone youn-ger? His reply is swift, negative and revealing. "I find myself in a mess with girls who are purely decorative, they've got to have some-thing in their heads for me to feel at ease. She would probably be my age, or older rather than younger.

independently.

I am frightened of immaturity. A strong, maternal figure. A foil to the little boy, to the child who never knew family life. But if the fear of failure over-rides his anticipated fear of being alone, he will never risk handing over the con-

WEEK ENDING | Matthew Bond

Layman's Revenge — or Tales of the Unexpected

may be the worst for 60 years but we have reached that glorious point in the economic cycle known as the layman's revenge. Sound a fanfare for the common man, for the experts are getting it wrong as

Raise a forecast above the parapet and it will be blown off. Construct an elegant explanation and the icy wind of recession sends it tumbling. Venture out with well informed opinion and if the black ice does not get you the statistical banana skins will. To know all is to know nothing. The laymen have their

revenge.

Calling the precise moment of layman's revenge is. of course, no easy matter. But when Britain's premier banker is reduced to blaming "unexpected events" for the failure of his confidently voiced forecasts of recovery, we can be sure it is close.

Robin Leigh-Pemberton. Governor of the Bank of England, is the latest in a long line of experts forced into admitting that experience has not lived up to what they all believed were well judged hopes. Like so many battlescarred forecasters, Mr Leigh-Pemberton now opts for the sanctuary of the past. "There is no doubt that unexpected events have delayed the recovery," he said this week, savouring the unfamiliar words "no doubt".

But such certainty dissolved when he was forced to turn his crystal ball back to the future. "The balance of probabilities..." he began. Thank you, Governor, we'll let vou know.

Mr Leigh-Pemberton is far from alone in getting it wrong. The latest GDP figures, which showed that this recession is the longest since the second world war and, in annual terms, the sharpest since 1931, reminded everyone of that. After all, you would feel pretty silly looking the recession would last six months and that GDP would

WINTER may be giving us thereafter grow at an annual her frozen all, the recession rate of 4.3 per cent, wouldn't rate of 4.3 per cent, wouldn't you? Well wouldn't you. prime minister?

The City, too, is growing ever more accustomed to experts getting it wrong or, to use the modern vernacular. getting it over-enthusiastic. For here too we have been exploring new bounds of fal-libility, especially in the arcane worlds of discount houses and insurance markets, which if not quite closed shops are certainly closed books to the average layman. Certainly, it has always been beyond the ken of ordi-



nary folk to understand how anyone could earn a proper living simply by borrowing surplus money from banks and buying things called bills. Sadly, it has also proved beyond the ken of the experts at Union Discount, who this week unveiled a pre-tax loss of £23.6 million and the early retirement of Graeme Gil-

christ, its chief executive. Union blamed the losses on "unusual trading conditions". Given the traditionally close relationship between discount houses and the Bank of England, these "unat those figures, knowing usual conditions" are pre-that you had predicted that sumably the same as the usual conditions" are pregovernor's "unexpected events". The role of the disbut it becomes positively straightforward when compared to the complexities of life in the Lloyd's of London insurance market. Some years ago this newspaper ran an entertaining correspon-dence on its letters page in which readers proffered definitions of the split second. Conspicuous by its absence, though, was the obvious one of the average length of time for which even the most intelligent of lay people understands the concept of rein-surance. Blink and it's gone.

The traditional view of Lloyd's is of a market run by experts for the benefit of Britain's wealthiest individuals. Recently, though, Lloyd's has been looking more like a market run by experts for experts, at the expense — the very considerable expense — of Britain's wealthiest individuals. David Coleridge, the Lloyd's chairman, denied any scandal. "There is only a scandal, if it is a scandal, that we are making large underwriting losses and that individuals have to pay for them." In short, while the Governor talks about "unexpected events", Lloyd's pays for them.

But no discussion of the

Norman Lamont, the

frailty of experts would be

complete without mention-

man who has seen more ends to this recession than...than the Governor of the Bank of England. This week we learnt that Mr Lamont has finally come up with the solution. He is going to borrow more money. which will enable him to cut income tax at next month's Budget. Foolishly, I had somehow

got hold of the idea that the reason we were in such a protracted economic mess was that we the consumers. had all borrowed far too much money and now spent most of our carnings paying off that debt. So now Mr Lamont plans to solve the problem by borrowing even Leave the borrowing to the experts; eh Norman?

Powers of friendly societies extended

By LINDSAY COOK MONEY EDITOR

THE friendly societies bill, which will allow societies 10 offer services such as credit and personal equity plans, was published yesterday.

The legislation will enable about 350 societies to offer credit for the first time, either as agent or provider. They will be able to set up and manage unit trusts, tax-free personal equity plans and provide pension management services for trustees. The societies will also be able to administer estates and execute trusts of wills.

A Friendly Societies Commission will regulate the activities of societies, protect members' funds and promote their financial stability. They will also be brought within the scope of the Policyholders Protection Act 1975, which guarantees to pay out at least 90 per cent of an investment if an insurance company should fail.

John Maples, economic secretary to the treasury, said: This bill gives friendly societies a future.

"By granting them greater owers, it will enable them to become more effective as financial institutions while retaining the principles of selfhelp mutuality on which they were founded."

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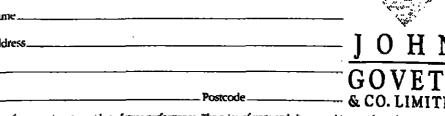
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Squeezing profit out of Lloyds

THE steely gaze and vice-like handshake of Brian All this held the group's Pitman, Lloyds Bank's chief executive, have always marked him out as the hard man of British banking. His tough streak rescued the bank last year as he pushed through sweeping cost reductions that have

fed directly into profits. Pre-tax profits of £645 million last year, up 9 per cent could make Lloyds the most profitable British bank for the first time in its history, despite record baddebt provisions of £918 million, up by no less than

18 per cent. The improvement was almost entirely due to rigor-ous cost control. Group staff numbers fell by 8,500 during the year to 67,200. Head office staff have been cut by a fifth, while branch employees are down by a tenth. The bank has closed 150 of its smallest and least profitable outlets to reduce the network to

These are cuts that could have been made a decade ago as computers took over the transaction processing work that was traditionally done by ranks of clerks. It took a shock as fundamental as the present recession to force Lloyds and other

expenses for the year at £2.46 billion, which meant that the meagre £156 million (4 per cent) growth in income fed through to a record operating profit of £1.52 billion, up 12 per

Mr Pitman forecasts that the banking industry faces a period of low income growth, due to low inflation and a sługgish economic recovery. So the cost-cutting will continue into the middle of the decade.

, Mr Pitman must now address Lloyds's loan book. The bad debt provisions, 3.4 per cent of the nonmortgage book, are clearly unacceptable. Economic re covery will ease the pres-sure, but the bank must ensure that it receives full value from all its loans. That often means allowing companies to trade out of difficulty rather than calling in receivers.
Continued cost reduc

tions and a modest fall in bad debts should produce profits of £750 million. putting the shares, at 402p. on a p/e ratio of 13. The yield on the 16.7p dividend is 5.5 per cent. Mr Pitman's efforts warrant the

No talk-up at Dowty

to surround Dowty Group but has failed to lift the shares, which have tumbled from 19412p in August to 122 p yesterday. Investor demand, however, remains strong, with almost 12 mil-lion shares changing hands

over the past two days.

Dowty's pre-tax profits are expected to fall from £60.6 million to about £22 million this year, implying earnings of 5.6p a share and a maintained dividend of 9.2p uncovered. The chance of a payout cut and uncertainty over strategy under Bruce Ralph, the new belief in Dowty's recovery

Tony Thatcher, Mr Raiph's predecessor, left a

ated through 24 acquisi-tions. The new board wants to quit information technology and electronic systems in favour of aero-space. The order book is solid, with a work schedule worth £700 million, rising to between £2 billion and £3 billion if spares are included, although earnings will be constrained until restructuring is completed. Gearing of 70 per cent leaves little room for ma-

noeuvre. It is hard to see what could entice a bidder - Smiths Industries, TI Group and even Lucas have been named — to undertake the messy task Mr Ralph has set in motion. But long-term holders will eventually be rewarded.

Investors still cautious despite overseas gains

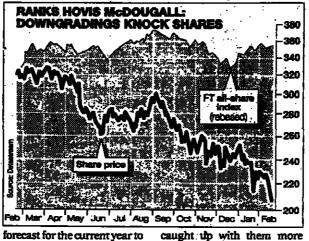
THE London market ended the account on a subdued note, despite an early markup by dealers after Wall Street's record-breaking overnight rise and a 519-point advance by Tokyo. However, there was little follow-through in London, with investors mindful of the recent gloomy economic news and the latest opinion poll showing a 4point lead for the Labour

party. An uncertain start on Wall Street did little to boost sentiment in London. The FT-SE 100 index ended 1.1 lower at 2,542.3, giving a 25.1-point rise on the two-week account. The FT index of 30 shares finished 6.5 down at 1,982.9, giving a 37.8-point rise on the account. Volume reached 569.5 million. Government securities were rattled by the latest opinion poll, with losses at the longer end extended to about £3s.

Most of the clearing banks perked up after Lloyds, up 17p to 40.4, began the re-porting season with a 9 per cent advance in both profits and the dividend. Barclays and the dividend. ures on Wednesday. Nation Westminster rose 7p to 292p before its figures on Tuesday, while Midland, which is due to report on Thursday and has been rattled by some dividend worries, lost 5p to 230p. The Royal Bank of Scotland gained 3p to 171p and Stan-dard Chartered op to 455p, amid a combination of bid speculation and positive noises from Carr Kitcat.

Ranks Hovis McDougali lost 9p to 206p on a turnover of 14 million shares after downgradings from Credit Lyonnais Laing and Barclays de Zoete Wedd, along with dealers' reports of a block of about 6 million shares being placed. The placing was said to have been carried out by Cazenove at 205p, although another source suggested a placing price of 2074p.

Arabella Cecil, at Credit Lyonnais Laing, has cut her



year's forecast has been reed". BZW also trimmed its duced from £149 million to forecast for RHM, with £5 million off the current year's £110 million. She said retail-Widespread losses are forecast when the composite insurers begin reporting next week. Royal Insurance, down 7p to 219p, is expected to show losses deepening from £187 million to between £260 million and £350 million. Commercial Union, unchanged at 446p, is likely to go from a small profit

to losses of between £60 million and £86 million.

ers were "exerting phenome-nal pressure" and conditions were "very tough for manufacturers" as a result. She said the fallout in the food manufacturing sector "has

end-August from £144 mil-

lion to £113 million. Next

estimate to £110 million and £6 million off 1993's forecast to £119 million.

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BZW said the bread and milling business will be hardest hit, with the division's

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Others in the sector slipped back on fears that they could be hit next, with AB Foods down 7p to 432p, Northern Foods 4p to 571p and Hills-

down 2p to 151 p. Water and electricity shares took a battering as worries resurfaced in the wake of the poll showings. Anglian Water fell 7p to 364p, Northumbrian 8p to 386p, North West 8p to 369p, Severa Trent 9p to 335p, Southern 9p to 337p and Thames 9p to 371p. In the electricity sector,

Eastern lost 5p to 248p.
London 6p to 278p, Manweb
5p to 318p. Midlands 7p to
267p. Norweb 6p to 298p
and South West 5p to 278p.
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firmed hp to 103 hp.

Euro Disney added 40p to £15.55, after £16.10, on news of its inclusion in the Paris CAC index of top 40 shares on the French bourse.

Taveners, the Liverpool confectionery group, jumped 30p to 160p after a 165p recommended cash offer from Toms Fabrikker, a Dan-ish luxury chocolate maker. Vickers lost 6p to 162p

before final figures on Monday, which are expected to show a big fall in profits, or small losses, and a possible cut in the dividend. NFC, which will reveal its figures on Sunday, eased 5p to 239p. Berisford International lost 5 2p to 20p on news that the property and commodity group is to raise £14.8 million

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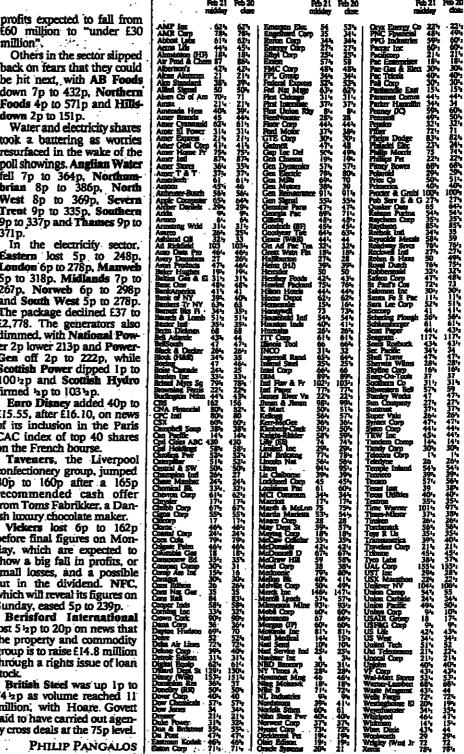
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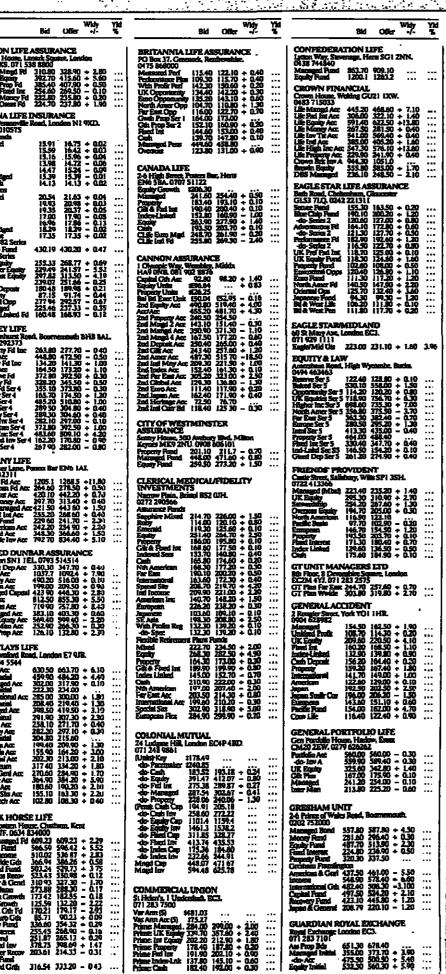
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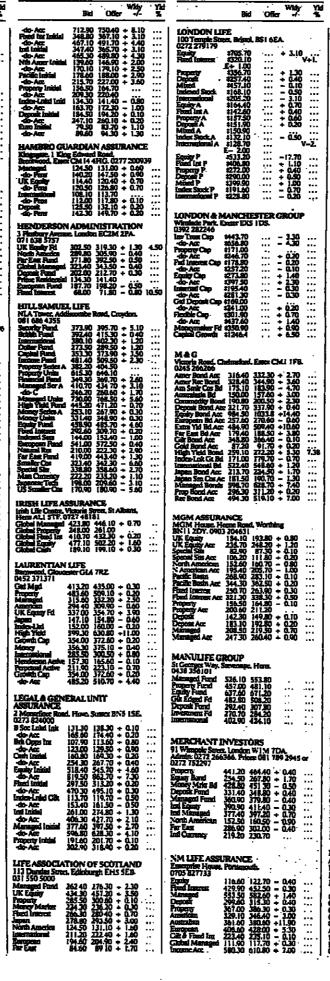
☐ Tokyo — Shares closed sharply higher. The Nikkei index climbed 519.89 points,

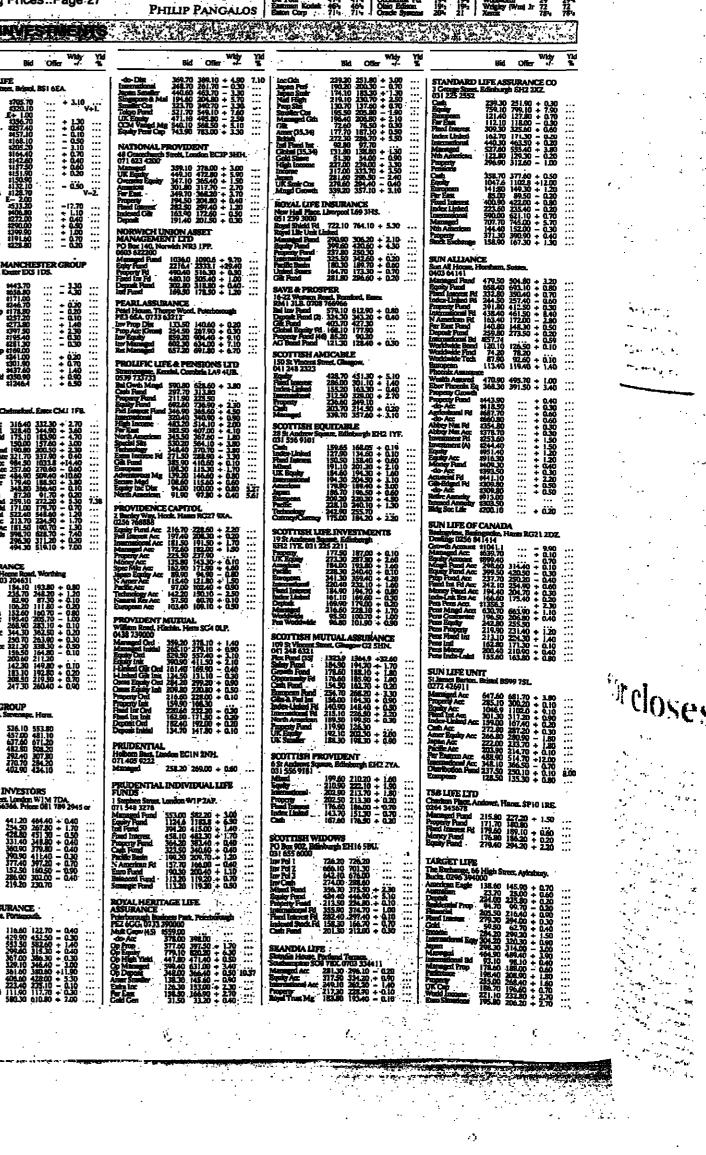
or 2.5 per cent, to 21,291.81. Program buying by institutions and futures-linked arbitrageurs on hopes of lower interest rates started a lastminute surge after a dull day. However, wariness about the economy and political scandals has put a sustained rally in doubt











Insurance will be only for the rich if policyholders keep on making claims for theft, one of the leading insurance companies said this week. Already 40 per cent of households in high crime areas have no insurance, and the number of drivers in inner cities who do not bother with the formality of insurance cover is nsing.

Those who do have insurance are getting more and more annoyed at the delays and haggling over settling claims and the enormous increases faced by policyholders who have never made a claim. It is not surprising that some of them are deciding they will stand the risk themselves.

In central London it is not all that unusual for a family home to have a contents premium of £1,000 a year without having sideboards full of silver and expensive jewellery.

If the insurance industry is

genuinely concerned about people not being able to afford contents insurance it might come up with new forms of cheaper cover that

Insurers need a new policy

do not include theft insurance. In the same way as motorists can opt for comprehensive or third party cover, householders could decide whether they would rather trust their locks than their insurance

company to keep them safe. Why, after all, should people who have taken every precaution to secure their homes pay for the 70 per cent of burgled homes which have locks that are not up to minimum acceptable standards? If householder carelessness and fraudulent claims are pushing up the costs to the insurance companies of theft claims, a nontheft contents policy should be a

Legal & General gives a warning that policies will have to become more complicated than they are now and be subject to many more penalties. That would only lead to even more dissatisfaction and mistrust of



LINDSAY COOK **WEEKEND MONEY EDITOR**

insurers. Too many policyholders already believe that companies only want to take the premiums and will seek any excuse not to pay out. A lot more small print and exclusions would only endorse that sentiment.

Xtra charges

t is now the turn of Halifax borrowers to feel aggrieved by new charges. The 1.8 million borrowers of the largest society have received a notice with their

year-end mortgage statements telling them of new charges from

Those whose payment cheque is bounced or who do not have enough in their bank or Halifax account to cover the monthly direct debit will be charged £10 in

future by the Halifax.

Defending the move, the Halifax said it would make three applications for payment before levying its charge, and there would be no additional charge on the levying for a Halifax current account for bouncing a debit or cheque. However, the majority

Halifax and high street banks will take a different view. If a cheque is presented three times the customer could find the bank charging them £60 or more. The same goes for direct debits.
While customers should keep

enough in their accounts to meet their basic outgoings, charges totalling £70 or more are not going to help.

The Halifax says that those

customers who are in arrears will not be charged. Those who pay by standing order will also not be charged if they do not have enough money in their bank accounts.

Those who are near the margin might be advised to change from direct debit to standing orders. It will be cheaper for them. This, of course, flies in the face of the banking industry, which just now is trying to encourage us all to move over to automated direct debits, which are cheaper for them to operate.

The Halifax is using the code of banking practice as its excuse for its new charges. The code, which comes into effect on March 16, states that all customers must be told in advance of any charges on accounts.

The largest building society also charges £40 for producing a sealed document confirming that a mortgage account has been repaid, and £15 for the sending of title deeds to a solicitor or licensed conveyancer acting on a customer's behalf.

Last month it announced that it was to charge savers with small amounts in their accounts a quarterly fee if their balance fell below £50 for 30 days or more a

At least the Halifax building society is treating its impoverished borrowers in the same way that it has decided to deal with its impoverished savers. It is good to know that it is still so committed to its mutual heritage.

New rules to protect occupational pensions are being hammered out, but it is proving to be a slow process

Company schemes face long wait for safeguards

BY SARA MCCONNELLAND LINDSAY COOK

THE 200,000 occupational pension schemes operating in guards for their members and the situation is unlikely to improve in the short-term.

A flurry of recommendations aimed at tightening up the operation of these schemes is being made by interested parties, following the discovery that an estimated £458 million was plundered from the Mirror Group

Pension Funds last year.
Brian MacMahon, chairman of the National Association of Pension Funds, said this week that the Maxwell vast majority of pension funds were well run.

At the moment, company pension schemes have to be authorised by the Superannuation Funds Office of the Inland Revenue, which makes sure that they do not pay out too much to members. But it is not concerned with the whereabouts of the assets of the fund. The Occucerns itself with the part of the fund needed to replace the state earnings related pension scheme when funds are contracted out of the state

Schemes only have to monitors produce actuarial valuapayouts to tions every members three years. and

scheme, but no

staff associations or unions do not receive them automatically. They must ask for the information. While trustees are required by law to act at all times in the interests of all the beneficiaries and in accordance with the trust deed, they are usually linked to the company and may all be directors or employees.

Revenue

Proposals which would put in independent, professional trustees and make sure that assets were held by independent custodians, would need a Pensions Act and that could take years to bring about.

This week Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte, auditor to the late Robert Maxwell's ward their ideas. Next week, it is the turn of the Institute of Actuaries, and last month the National Association of Pension Funds made its submission on how to safeguard the interests of 11 million occupational pension scheme members and the 10 million people already receiving oc-

cupational pensions.

Coopers Deloitte wants a new regulator to be responsible for monitoring pension schemes and to administer a compulsory compensation scheme. This could cost funds 0.1 per cent or less of their Deloitte, said. That would possibly work out at £30 a head for each pension scheme

member a year. The firm wants every occupational scheme to have at least one independent trustee who would have the power of veto on investments.

The quality of trustees should also be questioned, with the regulator having the authority to disqualify anyone who was not "fit and proper". The independent trustee would also be responsible for choosing the fund's actuary

The accountant would ban self-investment totally, unless specifically approved by the majority of trustees. In-house investment managers should be regulated in

the same way as other investment managers. This would prevent finance directors having a punt on shares in the fund, said Paul Meins, partner in Coopers

Deloitte The National Association of Pension Funds says that members of company pension schemes could face paying higher contributions if gislation is brought in to tighten up pension scheme safeguards and establish a compensation scheme for

The feasibility of setting up central compensation scheme is being actively discussed by the research and planning committee of the National Association of Pension Funds (NAPF). Options

include extending the Investors' Compensation Scheme. run by the Securities and Investments Board, either to individual scheme members or trustees. At the moment, pension funds are not covered by the compensaion scheme, which pays out a maximum of £48,000 to investors with companies declared in de-fault. Alternatively there

could be a levy on pension schemes or individual members, which would go towards funding a central compensation scheme. Mike Brown, the NAPFs director of information, said

committee had met for the first time last month to discuss the issue of compensation. This followed evidence given to the Commons social security committee on pen-sions by Mr MacMahon at the beginning of the year. The NAPF committee hopes to report in two months on the viability of a scheme.

Mr Brown said: "The most obvious route is to compensate the trustees of the scheme because they don't have the assets to pay the scheme members if the money is — to put it bluntly - stolen. Another school of thought is that trust-

ees are professional investors and it is not the trustees who suffer, so the investors should get compensation. Some people are saying, why not a levy on pension schemes or employees? This could be a flat rate levy or risk-related.

which would mean you could find it expensive if you were a risky trustee. It could be a scheme-based thing, with a levy based on membership numbers." However, all these sugges tions will almost certainly cost scheme members money, either directly or indirectly. Mr

distinct possibility that it will cost more if there is a scheme to provide useful benefits, if there is a major problem." Employers who were operating well-run and well-fund-



badly funded ones. The government is unenthusiastic about any prospect of a levy being claimed through national insurance contributions, which would force many employees without the option of belonging to a pension scheme to subsidise those who have...

A compensation scheme is one element of a wider discussion on how to tighten up the operation of company pensions. The NAPF last month issued a list of safeguards. At the top of the list came calls for a much

greater repre-

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Trustees are usually linked to the firm

> to go before scheme members have equal representation on boards of trustees, according to the latest annual occupational pension survey from NAPF, out this week. Of the 778 companies questioned for the survey, 41 per cent had no employees other than management on their board of trustees. In-house individual and corporate trustees dominate the boards of both private and public sector organisations. Only a quarter of companies have independent trustees for pension schemes. Where employees

are represented, the employer has some hand in the choosed schemes would also be likely to object to having to pay for losses and shortfalls in ing them at 68 per cent of

Custodians curb **US** misconduct BRITISH pension funds bank, told a seminar this could be safeguarded in future by the appointment of an independent custodian

trustee to hold investment funds, if proposals from pensions experts are implemented. Similar trustees have been protecting pension funds in America since 1974, when the Employee Retirement Investment Security Act (Erisa) was implemented (Sara McConnell writes).

The main role of a custodian trustee is to protect the assets of the fund, provide consistent accounting records, and block any pro-hibited transactions. They do not generally make investment decisions and are independent of the employing company. Over the past ten years in America, independent custodian banks have increasingly offered their services as custodian trustees.

Colin Grimsey, managing director of Chase Manhanan

week that "as a result of Erisa, misconduct among Ameri-can pension funds is quite

The National Association of Pension Funds has already made clear its belief that the appointment of an independent custodian trustee for UK pension funds would be an important safeguard for

But the NAPF does not have unconditional support. Clive Gilchrist, chairman of the NAPFs investment committee, told the seminar: "IFMA, the fund managers association which supported our stance in other respects self investment for example argues that in the case of banks that manage their own pension fund and also act as custodian the existence of Chinese walls and the efficiency of banking regulations provide

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Door closes soon on self-investment

By LINDSAY COOK

REGULATIONS come into effect next month to limit self-investment by pension schemes. But there will be no monitoring of funds to make sure that the limits are not exceeded.

Those pension funds which have invested heavily in the company's shares will be given two years to sell any shares listed on a recognised stock exchange if they account for more than 5 per cent of the fund. For shares traded on the Unlisted Securities Market, funds will have five years to reach the 5 per cent limit.

Funds which have made loans to companies employing their members will have two years to reduce these to no more than 5 per cent of assets. If the loan cannot be repaid by March 8. 1994, then it can be retained until the earliest date on which it can be repaid. Where schemes have holdings, property, or equity in private companies, they will not need to disinvest. But no new investments of these kinds can be made. The regulations will not apply to

small, self-administered schemes that have fewer than 12 members, each of whom is a trustee, and where the rules of the scheme provide that self-investment can take place only with the agreement in writing of each member.

The government announced in December that it was speeding up the legislation, in the wake of the discovery that hundreds of millions of pounds were missing from the Mirror Group pension funds. The regulations made under the 1990 Social Security Act were laid before parliament this week and

come into force on March 9. The National Association of Pension Funds does not believe the regulations go far enough. This week its annual survey showed 62 per cent of occupational pension schemes allow self-investment. But at the end of last year. less than third of them had investments

in the employer's shares or other assets. The danger of self-investment is that it is often undertaken to bolster the share price in a company or to provide cashflow. Companies in difficulty may believe that selling buildings to the pension fund and then leasing them back will save the company and the jobs of the employees and pension scheme But if the price paid by the fund is too

generous or the rent charged to the company too low. it can have a disastrous effect on the pension fund, especially if the company still fails. Then members can find themselves without a job and without the prospect of a good

Loans have also stripped pension funds bare. In one case where Cork Gully, the liquidator, was called in recently, only £16 remained in the pension fund instead of the £500,000 expected. The rest had been lent to the employer, leaving the employees high and dry.

The social security department has promised that it will look at whether further safeguards can be built into the system when the Serious Fraud Office has completed its investigations into the Mirror Group Pension Funds.

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Diminishing dividends squeeze the income funds

BY RUPERT BRUCE

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will be rare among larger

companies. But the type of

company thought likely to be

affected, such as insurance

companies and engineers, is precisely that bought for high

dividends by income fund

In anticipation of this, their

share prices have been falling

for some months. The so-called TOPSI-100 index of

top yielding shares, compiled

by Kleinwort Benson's Hilton

Seely and Michael Daniels,

actually fell by 0.4 per cent in

index rose 16.3 per cent.

THE recession has been biting into company profits for more than a year. Now investment managers fear it is about to work its way through to the distributions paid by

What happens in the next two months will be crucial because it is the time when most of Britain's biggest companies announce their profits for 1991 and the size of their dividends. Some are likely to cut their dividends, and few will do more than hold them at last year's levels. That would force many income fund managers to cut their payouts to investors.

John Allard, a director of M&G Investment Manage-ment, said: "This would, without a doubt, be as tough a period as we have seen since the early Eighties. We are in the same position that we were in ten years ago, which is a severe pressure on

M&G is one of the largest managers of UK equity income unit trusts, and says it would be extremely disap-pointed if it had to cut its dividends. In common with other income fund managers, it sets out to increase its distribution by at least the rate of inflation each year, and also to increase the trust's capital.

Paddy Linaker, the M&G Group's chairman, showed just how vital stable company dividends were to his funds in December 1990, when he wrote to company directors exhorting them not to cut dividends.

But Robin Leigh-Pember-ton, Governor of the Bank of England, paved the way for dividend cuts to become more acceptable last November at the Stock Exchange annual conference for industry. "We



ERM factor: Susan Gillingham says low income growth could be here to stay

unit trust has performed almost as badly. While the value of an investment in the average general UK unit trust with income reinvested rose by 38.2 per cent in the year to February, the average UK equity income unit trust rose only 5.5 per cent.

The recession of the early Eighties took its toll of the distributions of income unit trusts in 1981. According to Premier Unit Trust Brokers' annual study, that year some 54 per cent of equity income

unit trusts cut their payouts.

Peter Edwards, a Premier 1991, while the FT-SE 100 partner, has fears for 1992. According to Micropal, the "One feels of course that one performance measurement company, the average income might be projecting into this

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time next year and saying that 1992 was certainly worse than 1991 and even worse than 1981," he said.

A few income unit trusts have already cut their distri-butions. The Framlington Extra Income's payout was cut by I per cent for the year ending last July, and Charles Park, fund manager, expects a 5 per cent cut this time. The Newton Income Fund will reduce its payment by 18 per cent for the year ending on

February 29. Other fund managers, who do not want to be identified, say they expect to cut their distributions soon. But they do not want to appear among

the first for fear of an exodus from their funds.

Fund managers of income funds can put off the looming dividend cut by "buying income". In its crudest form. that means buying a highyielding share shortly before its crucial ex-dividend date and then selling it off after receiving the dividend.

But that is frowned on. Susan Gillingham, who manages Martin Currie's Income and Growth unit trust, said that such practices tended to cost the fund capital performance. Another alternative is to buy high-yielding fixed income stocks, but then there is no scope for income growth.

High-income investment trusts are also likely to come under pressure to reduce their dividend distributions. But unlike unit trusts, they can keep income in reserve. So, although the dividends from companies might not cover the dividend they decide to pay out, the shortfall can be

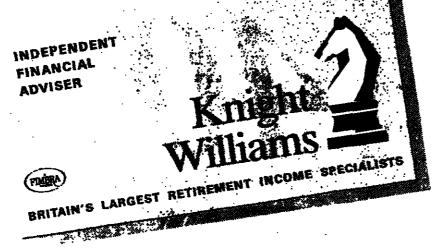
taken from reserves. While the 1981 recession was followed by a time when trusts raised distributions again, this time may be subtly different. Susan Gillingham thinks the low inflation associated with exchange-rate mechanism membership means dividends are unlikely to grow as rapidly.

She said: "Perhaps the

man in the street will have to get used to lower dividend growth. But within a lower inflationary environment they are probably getting the same real income growth. At the end of the day they are not going to be any worse off, although they may perceive

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Broker deals under scrutiny

The trade department is currently investigating the way some small broker-managed funds are being operated to produce very high returns. Lindsay Cook reports

THE trade department, the Financial Intermediaries. Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association and the Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation are investigating the way some broker-managed funds are operated.

Unusually, the brokers are not being criticised for poor performance, but for incredibly good returns.

Rival brokers and some life assurance companies question how small brokers with relatively small resources can consistently outperform leading companies with their big research facilities. They suggest it could only be achieved with the helping hand of friendly life companies, perhaps aiding the performance ing switches from one fund to another at the previous day's

The trade department is-sued guidelines in 1988 to life companies to stop such practice, known in the trade as window switching. In the past it was widely acknowledged to take place. Large brokers were allowed to move substantial sums and miss all the blips in the markets. Their clients were happy but all other policyholders with any company offering late switching or other concessions pay for the benefit being accorded to a few.

Assured Asset Management of Macclesfield, Cheshire, has £40 million under management and Michael Challiner, its marketing director, expects this to rise to £100 million by the end of the year, as well he might with 11 funds all outperforming the underlying life company

managed funds. So outraged is AAM at allegations that it uses win-

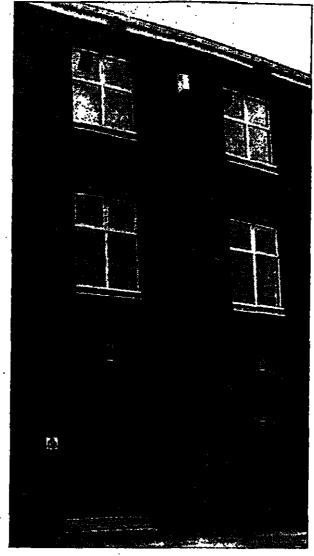
dow switching to turn in re-sults up to three times as good as leading life companies that it took a full-page advertise ment in a trade publication to say that any claims it was being allowed to deal after prices changed but at the old prices were rubbish.

Mr Challiner says the firm, whose fund managers are in the Isle of Man, is able to turn in spectacular results via a £500.000 computer system it has developed. This, he says uses information supplied by Reuters, and enabled the fund managers to produce a return of 165 per cent to investors in its Clerical Medical broker fund from January

1987 to August 1991. Stephen Warley of Clerical Medical said: "With all the funds forward-pricing, it is very difficult to give any kind of information that would be any use." He said the firms switched into cash when the market was falling to aid their

AAM's fund managers make investment decisions based on the charts it produces. Mr Challiner said that despite its remarkable performance, none of the investment houses had tried to buy his computer system to im-prove their performance, nor had the fund managers been poached by life companies returning a poorer performance. AAM will now manage funds for other brokers.

So confident is AAM that it has outperformed all others that it advertised in a national newspaper in the autumn, offering free champagne to anyone whose managed funds had performed better than AAM's. Mr Challiner said it only sent out one bottle of Bollinger and that was to a broker who did not technically qualify for the prize.



Powerhouse: Assured Asset Management's offices

windows Greystone would

The company charges an Chris Smith, sales director, annual management fee of said: "Window switching did 0.75 per cent or 1 per cent occur many years ago. As far plus a .performance-related as I am aware we have not fee on top. This works out at had the benefit in recent 20 per cent of any gains above 12 per cent a year. Mr years. Everything is pure fund management and we Challiner said the reason the are very pleased with the way fund manager is based in the things are going. Isle of Man is that the com-He added that if anyone pany originated there. knew of companies offering

Nearby in Railway Street, Altrincham, Cheshire an-other broker has been producing equally remarkable results. Greystone Investments plc has £45 million under management in bonds operated with ten insurance

like to set up a fund with it. "There is nothing illegal in using them if life companies have them." Mr Smith continued: "We have never had a facility with an insurance company that any other broker could not have had."

Greystone outperforms the underlying funds by using satellite computer systems. He said: "We have never been caught in a big downtum ever." The company uses two Reuters services and an investment data services system. It charges an annual cent plus a performance fee of 25 per cent of gains above 12 per cent a year.

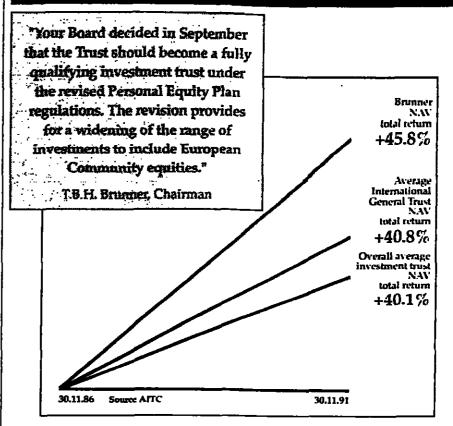
The Falcon Group in Bristol also outperforms the managed funds of the ten life companies it deals with. It bulk switches its clients between insurance company funds and recently advertised a return of 81.4 per cent over two years, compared with the FT-SE rising 18.5 per cent over the same period. The results are consistently better than those achieved by the managed funds of the companies said Julian Telling, managing director. "We are abso lutely pulverising them."

It has £60 million under management and this is ris-ing by EZ million a month. It uses Firstat for historical information and a telephone hotline updated three times a day. Mr Telling said: "There is no window switching, no historic switching. It is all forward pricing.

He continued that the company had a different management style to other brokers.
"We employ guys who are paid to perform. If they don't, they are out."

At Fimbra, a spokesman said the matter had been brought to its attention by one of its members. The trade department said: aware of concern in this area. ment on individual firms."

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companies falling if Labour wins the general election, County NatWest predicted in its latest investment trust review this week (Sara McConnell writes).

Labour's tax plans could reduce disposable income and thus money for invest-ment, said Robbie Robertson, County NatWest invest-ment trust analyst and one of the authors of the report. This would push demand down, forcing the shares to trade at a wider discount to net asset value. Funds from

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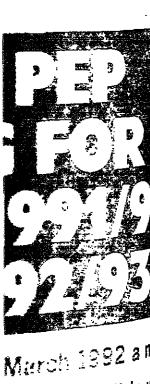
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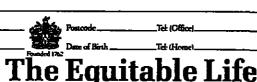
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From G.S. Shelton

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village postman had his van hi jacked in the early hours of the morning and we lost an entire day's mail. Who was to know what was missing? Most of us did not find out until after Christmas. In my case I was staggered to receive my January Barclay-card statement with such a large debit balance and £9.56 in interest charged. My December statement must have found its way into the "swag" bag" and with all the other things going on at Christmas I did not notice I had not paid

I wrote to Barclaycard and apologised for my non-payment, and explained the circumstances of my indis-cretion. Imagine my surprise and delight a few days later when I received a note telling me that in view of my expla-nation the bank would withdraw the interest charge of E9.56.

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ignore him he's not bright.

Calling the Inland Revenue to account

From Mrs M. Kelly

Sir. My tax assessment was moved, from the local inspector's office, to one in Belfast last year. The PAYE code allotted to me, involving a small occupational pension and the State pension, had errors of fact and omissions which entailed making severai appeals.

These are now repeated in my 1992-3 coding. Not only has that office failed to allocate the higher age allowance to me, it has also credited me with an estimated income for that year which is almost twice my actual income. On this erroneous basis the inspector justifies reducing my allowance — the wrong one and declaring a 30 per cent charge on an income which is way below the ceiling allowed before these deductions come

into force. So again appeals, with the extra expense involved, will have to be made. That office claimed, when it took over, to have all my records (Schedule D) from my local inspector.

Yours faithfully, M. KELLY, 34 Gunterstone Road, W14.

From Mr L.J. Warner

Sir, Three years ago the Inland Revenue raised an assessment for Capital Gains Tax which I immediately disputed. After a two-year delay the Revenue's valuer produced figures which were obviously completely wrong (claiming inter alia that the

price of land had risen tenfold between 1981 and 1988!). When I enquired the basis of valuation. I was told that it could not be divulged as it was confidential! This necessitated my obtaining professional advice, and eight months after appointing my own valuer we are still not

The cost in terms of stress to my family, time, inconvenience and money is high, although I will continue because the alternative of paying unjust demands is not acceptable. Nevertheless, it seems that the principle is that the Inland Revenue has power without responsibility while I have responsibility

without power. Yours faithfully, L.J. WARNEŔ, Stonedge Cottage, Dunkerton, Bath.

Sir, Yes, who should pay the accountants' fees for correcting inaccurate tax demands? questioned a demand for £10,000 in December '91, on the sale of my home from which I had practised (GP) five years earlier. My accountant challenged it. It was cancelled, and I willingly paid him £140, but I am out of pocket for their error.

From Dr M.E. Plumb

Yours faithfully, MARJORY PLUMB, 'Claremont' 2 Woodlands Avenue. Leighton Buzzard. Bedfordshire.

Stamping out interest

From Miss Catherine Black Sir. I have been saving in the National Savings Bank. So far I have saved £25. I asked my mother how much interest this has carned. My mother asked the Post Office to work it out. She was told I had to send the book to Glasgow, with an envelope and a stamp so they could send it back.

This means I would have to spend 48p on stamps. The interest on my money may not be more than this. I think there should be a way to find out without having to pay 48p which is almost my pocket money.

Yours sincerely. CATHERINE BLACK (Aged 7½). 118 Jeddo Road.

Lenders' favourites

From Mr R.S. Powell Sir, can anyone tell me why it is that first-time house-buyers

are always singled out as deserving special treatment? They are much more likely than second and further-time buyers to have two incomes with which to pay a mortgage, and to be without the

extra expense of children. They also have more choice about the house they will buy because they are not tied into a chain, and do not have all their capital locked up already in a house.

Yours faithfully. Ballards, Wiltshire.

Any happy Peps? From Mrs A.R. King

Sir, The dispensers of personal equity plans claim great financial advantages for the investor.

You have recently published letters from disgruntled Pep investors. Would it be possible to hear from any who have found them more profitable than building societies?

Yours faithfully. MRS A.R. KING. Eastcliff. Felixstowe.

Leaseholders entered into a contract

From Mrs Deirdre Isted

Sir. In a subjective sense I can sympathise with those who are not saved by the Leasehold Reform Act 1967 from the ravages of bargaining positions held by landlords such as the Cadogan-Tate Es-

tate (February 1). Objectively, however, it has time, the Leasehold Reform Act did not exist, there was no legislation offering statutory extensions or freehold purchases, and the leasehold purchasers knew that if they remained at the end of the lease they would face an

arm's length negotiation with

the landlord for any such extension or purchase.

Can it really be justified

now, to blame for their plight. what are to these people inad-equacies in legislation passed some 20 years after they en-tered into their arm's length contract? Why should simply living in a house put any legal years later, to renegotiate the terms of that contract leading to the loss of a landlord's

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Clearing up the mystery of cheques in limbo

By Sara McConnell

FROM next month, banks and building societies will have to spell out in detail how long customers must wait before they can draw or receive interest on cheques paid into their accounts.

Many banks will be giving this information for the first time as a requirement of the banking code, which comes into operation on March 16. Under the code, they will have to explain the terms and conditions of current accounts to customers, including turnround times for clearing cheques. But the code will not

compel them to standardise and shorten that time. The Association for Payment Clearing Services (Apacs), of which the major clearing banks, the Nationwide and the Abbey National, are members, said: "If people don't like the timetable then they can change their account. The banking code should give greater

transparency."
The Nationwide is already thinking about shortening its dearing times. At the moment it can take up to seven days before customers can withdraw funds from Flex-Account current accounts if cheques over £1,500 have been deposited. Cheques for under £1,500 can be withdrawn after three days. Cheques to savings accounts take seven days to clear.

Leners to Weekend Money have criticised the time it takes for Nationwide to clear cheques. Dennis Brockwell, the society's divisional director, banking and savines. said: "We are thinking of bringing the times down."

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later, Mr Brockwell said. Any change is some way off. Nationwide, like the Halifax and the Abbey National, processes its cheques at head office after they arrive through the clearing system, instead of through branches like the

A cheque should take three working days to pass through the clearing system, which handles about 10 million every day, according to Apacs. A cheque written from an account held at one bank is paid into an account at another. The next day it ar-tives at the London clearing house, where all the cheques from different banks are exchanged. On the third day, the cheque is sent to the bank branch it was drawn on. On the morning of the fourth day, the cheque should be debited to the account of the person who wrote it and the money should be available in the account of the person who received it. Cheques paid into bank branches in Scotland will take a day longer because they have to pass through the Edinburgh clearing system before arriving in London.

However, many banks another couple of days to be sure the cheque paid into their account has not bounced. If it has, under the clearing rules it has to be sent back through the post.

Most banks say that they will not wait until the bitter end to be sure a cheque has not bounced. Some will also start paying interest on funds before they allow them to be withdrawn. Cheques which are specially urgent can be cleared more quickly, but banks charge between £5 and £12 an item for sending a cheque directly to the branch holding the account on which

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Direct debits on the campaign trail

By LINDSAY COOK

OVER the next few weeks. 100 million mailings will be sent to the customers of utilities and banks to encourage them to use direct debits instead of cheques or standing orders to pay regular bills. 🗸

The mailings are backed by a £1.5 million television adstarted on Monday. The advertisements on all commercial channels and satellite television suggest that direct debits can take some of the pain out of opening the post at breakfast-time by spreading the payment of bills over 12 months.

Last year, 903 million payments were made by direct debits. This compares with more than four billion cheques being written and 234 million bills being paid by standing order. As far as

the banks are concerned, cheques are bad news. The number being written peaked last year and is now falling, thanks to the wider

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use of debit cards. Banks, utilities and other financial institutions like direct debits because they cost only a few pence each time to operate and only a small nber fail to deliver cash on time. This compares with cheques which cost small businesses 60p a time to deposit and possibly £1 in

total administration costs. Cheques are also posted late, may be cancelled or so badly written they cannot be paid, and many of them bounce. Once an organisation has an account holder's permission, it can claim pay-ments at regular intervals from the account until the permission is withdrawn.

Unlike standing orders,

amount paid. Standing or-ders require the customer to authorise an increase or reduction. However, customers should be notified 14 days

before any change. If they do not agree to the increase they can stop it going ahead. This is particularly useful for gas or electricity budget accounts. The early notice of a chance to discuss how much the payments should be.

The advantage to custon ers is that quarterly, halfvearly or annual bills can be split into 12 smaller payments, which leave their account on the same day of the month. Companies are vetted before they are acceptable to BACS, the company that operates bulk electronic clearing.

If a wrong amount is taken from an account, customers should complain to their bank or building society. The sum should automatically be refunded without question while any dispute is sorted

nior bank staff are less aware than they should be about the direct debit system. BACS is preparing a video to make sure that staff in banks clear about the rules for direct debits.

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Putting the stress on the executive

last week that the head of Sony in Japan attributes the failures of British industry to accountants occupying too many of the top jobs will have come as a blow to the pride of the profession. A chief selling point for accountancy as a career has been that it provides a gateway to the top corporate positions. If British industry were ever to turn against accountancy as a source of executive talent then the lure of the professional qualification would diminish. Given the current state of

the economy, however, accountants are already in much less demand than in the past. The graduate recruiters on their annual hunt through higher edu-cation have set themselves much lower targets than in recent years. On average there has been a 15 per cent drop since 1987 and 1988 when KPMG Peat Marwick sought more than 1,000

Mergers since 1990, which reduced the big eight to the big six, have combined with the recession to cut numbers considerably. And some companies, such as Grant Thornton, have fundamentally rethought recruitment policy to emphasise quality rather than quantity.

The result has been growing bottleneck of newly qualified (and partly quali-

Accountancy is under pressure to train more business-minded

recruits, writes Edward Fennell

over their fees or even tender

As a result salaries are

lower all round. It is the

young, newly qualified accountains who bear the

brunt of the routine work on

audits. So whether they stay

in public practice or try to

leave to go into

industry their

drawing power is

reduced. Figures

published within

the last couple of

weeks by recruit-

ment agents Michael Page

confirmed the

trend. As the

commentary on salary appraisal says: "Over the

past 12 months

salaries have not

seen the increases

experienced in previous years. Salaries for newly qualifieds

In fact, most salaries are

now virtually at a standstill.

This is in marked contrast to

the recent salary increases

announced by the govern-ment for teachers, nurses and

other public sector workers.

Whereas those have exceeded

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fied) staff. Trainees have even been made redundant while still on their way to their examinations. In other cases failure to pass professional examinations has led to a swift exit from the firm. With fewer young qualifieds leaving voluntarily to join in-

numbers are stacking up in the firms. Mean-'We're while the largest looking for partnerships are coming under pro-active pressure to cut fees. Not so long financial ago the grandees within the promanagers, fession claimed not to compete on not bean price: if clients wanted their sercounters' vices and their expertise, then

they would have to pay for it. It is an entirely different story now. Clients are under intense financial pressure themselves and want to cut costs as much as possible. Accountancy fees for the annual audit are seen as an undesirable — and often an unproductive — overhead. Consequently partners in the big six are having to negotiate

lent jobs a year ago.

still hold out the prospect of higher salaries for really good people: in effect. British business will in future set out to recruit the cream of newly qualified young accountants. This may have significance for the training and qualifications system. Reforms recently introduced by the Institute of Chartered Accountants now permit young people to be trained as

dustry and commerce. So far there has been only fairly limited take-up of this option but its supporters argue that it has advantages for both employers and trainees. In the case of GEC-Marconi,

tants are now trailing behind it. And in many cases the salaries being offered are actually less than for equiva-

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For example, the typical salaries in the north for newly qualified chartered accountants going into industry and commerce have dropped from £22,500 in 1991 to £22,000 this year. And in the London region average sal-aries for the newly qualified have dropped from £25,500 in 1991 to £24,000 this year. Only in the south-west and Wales is there any increase from £22,500 to £23,000 but this is exceptional since salaries are generally at a standstill in the region. Industry and commerce do

what the firm really wants are accountants with practical experience. Thus young experience. Thus young accountants trained within the company actually gain a chartered accountants in inthree-year head start over those trying to enter the company from public prac-

> Moreover a large organisation like GEC is able to give the breadth and variety of experience which has sup-posedly been a chartered

accountant's greatest strength. And by being reared within the corporate ethos accountants can target their skills more quickly on the company's needs. As the Marconi group comments: "We're looking for pro-active financial managers, not bean

counters. It has been to rebut the view that young accountants are just "bean counters" that the Institute of Chartered

Accountants in England and Wales has been rethinking its qualification system in recent years. Already it is much more business-orientated, and research now in progress is developing a radical new approach for the future.

In conjunction with occupational psychologists Moloney & Gealy, work is proceeding which could lead to trainee accountants' skills

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different basis: the current exam-based system is likely to be downgraded and much greater emphasis placed on the continuous assessment of practical competence. It is still early days, but the predic-tions are that big changes lie ahead for the training and qualification of young

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Morceli promises fast time at indoor athletics meeting

McColgan targets record

By DAVID POWELL ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

TWO world records for the price of one ticket could be the reward for those spectators who attend the TSB invitation meeting at the Birmingham National Indoor Arena today. Liz McColgan and Noureddine Morceli, who won world titles in Tokyo last summer, are the leading attractions and both have records on their minds.

McColgan is attempting to become the first British-born athlete to set an indoor world record in Britain since Sebastian Coe nine years ago. She lines up in the 5,000 metres to attempt a mark which, by her standards, should be no harder indoor running than a workout on her home treadmill. "I do not look at it as that strong a record," McColgan, the 10,000 metres world champion, said. It is held by Uta Pippig, of Germany, at 15min 13.72sec.

Such is McColgan's reput- and her last before the Barce- is just that it fits nicely into my ation, the opposition has been frightened off. Andy Norman, the British Athletic Federation's promotions officer, said: "I am having trouble finding 5,000 metres runners prepared to run indoors and against Liz McColgan." He has found only two.

Her opponents are Heather Heasman, of Britain, and Rosalind Taylor, of the United States. "The thought of getting double-lapped in a 25-lap race probably put them off," he said.

We are coming to the first anniversary of the new McColgan. It was at the world cross country champi-onships last March that she set off on her trail of success. Only four months after giving birth, she won a bronze medal, the springboard to a Brit-ish record for 10,000 metres. gold in Tokyo, victory in the New York marathon and a half-marathon world best. Her next significant target,

lona Olympics, is probably the world cross country title, in Boston on March 21. However, she said yesterday that she might run in the European indoor championships in Genoa next weekend.

"I am fitter than I can remember for this stage in the season," she said. "The



Morceli: confident

programme. Of the European indoor championships. she added: "It's really a matter of seeing how I feel after this weekend." Few athletes worldwide

had a better year in 1991 than McColgan, but Morceli was one of them. He set a world record for the indoor 1,500 metres, and, though he failed to break the outdoors world record, he took the world title in Tokyo. He is as confident as his Moroccan predecessor, Said Aouita, and as cheeky at times. He said to Norman: "You want a world record, I give you a world record if you give me someone to help with the pace." Britain has its own fast

talker, though his legs cannot yet match Morceli's. Matthew Yates, who feels Morceli is coming into range, lines up against him today in the 1,000 metres. The record belongs to the Dutchman, Rob Druppers, at 2min 16.4sec.

Elliott's drugs 'in eye drops'

British professional who is riding for a Spanish team. was yesterday "devastat-ed" by the announcement he had tested positive after winning the third stage in the Ruta del Sol earlier this month and also taking the points competition.

He had returned to his Sheffield home this week suffering from bronchitis. which developed after the Spanish race, but was unavailable for comment. The British Cycling Fed-eration confirmed that it

international rules, been formally advised of El-liott's drugs test, which revealed the use of Nad-rolone, an anabolic steriod. Elliott issued a statement through his business manager, Frank Quinn, in

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had not, as required under

which he said that he had been using eye drops under the direction of his Seur team doctor since last year miles at Essendon.

MALCOLM Elliott, the and had never previously tested positive in scores of medical controls during his eight-year career.

He added that he has now been advised by the team doctor that his eye drops — supplied by Seur — were the likely source of the banned drug.
Eliiott is thought unlikely to appeal against his

automatic three-month suspension, which is sus-pended for two years, and fine of about £1,150, following his admission of using the suspect drops. His next race will be the

Paris-Nice event starting on March 8, if he has recovered from bronchitis. Chris Boardman, the four-time national road and track champion, begins his Barcelona Olympic build-up in earnest tomorrow when he opens the time-tial season in the North Road hardriders' 25 SNOOKER

High hopes of a fresh ITV deal

By PHIL YATES

DAVID Harrison, the chief executive of the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA), is confident that ITV will renew its contracts to cover the World Matchplay, Mercantile Credit Classic and Pearl Assurance British Open, when they expire at the end of the sea-

Harrison, hopeful that a deal will be announced within the next three weeks, said: We are right in the middle of negotiations but I am extremely confident that an agreement will be reached and that we will see snooker on ITV next season. While negotiations are taking place I cannot elaborate or say much more."

It was announced yesterday that 750 players, the highest so far, from 26 countries, will be eligble to compete in eight or nine ranking tournaments during the 1992-3 season. The fate of the European Open will be decided after this year's event in Antwerp from March 1010

Among the 174 players turning professional next sea-son will be Ronnic O'Sullivan, aged 16, from Chigwell, who won last year's world junior championship in India, and Noppadon Noppachorn, of Thailand, the 1991 world amateur champion.

The number of women playing members of the WPBSA has been increased to seven by the acceptance of Tessa Davidson, of Banbury. who compiled the highest break by a woman in competition, a 135 total clearance, during the British Ladies Open four months ago.

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Albion v East Stirling
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Arbroath v Gueen's Park
Ctyde v Benvick
Dumbarton v Brechin Stranraer v Cowdenbee

Rotherham v Barnel Walsall v Gillingham York v Northampton BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Atherstone v Derthord gloround Cotchester v Morecambe Hallow Workshop v Redissione: Atherstone v Derthord Givelon: Atherstone v Weekdatione: Atherstone v Weekdatione: Halescoven v Derchester; Moor Green v Bashley; Waterlooville v Dover. Midland division: Atherstone v Derchester; Moor Green v Bashley; Waterlooville v Dover. Midland division: Atherstone v Derchester; Moor Green v Bashley; Waterlooville v Dover. Midland division: Atherstone v Derchester; Moor Green v Bashley; Waterlooville v Dover. Midland division: Atherstone v Bedworth; Hinckley v Dudlay; Nawport AFC v Sutton Codified; Nuneaton Berough v Rediction: RC Warwick v Bridgmorth; Rushden v Yeovil v Kidderminister Stouthern division: Andover v Margate; Bury v Ashlerd; Canterbury City v Erith and Betwedere: Fersham v Salebury; Hinvant v Dunstable; Hythe v Gosport Horough (Indivision: Atherstone v Baldock; Sudbury v Hastlings; Weymorth v Buckingham. Nevulle OvenDein CoMBINATION: Araenal v Tottenham; Portsmouth v West Ham (2.0)

SMIRNOFF RISH LEAGUE: Ards v Carrick; Ballyciars v Portadown; Calentora v Baltymans; Larne v Distillory; Omegh v Linfield.

SOUTHERM AMATEUR LEAGUE: Carshafton v Carl Sarvice; NatiWest Bank v
Norseman, Old Eisthamelens v
Winchenore Hill; Crouch End Vemperes v
Broomfield, East Barnet OG & Barciaya
Bank: Lloyds Bank v Alexandra Park; Old
Selesters v Iber: Old Stationers v Southgate; Brenthern v Lensbury; Custon v
Alleyn Old Boys; Kerv Association v Old
Lyontans; Old Latymerians v Benk of
England; Old West City v Merton, Royal
Bank v Reignte Priory.
BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES: First
division; Ashton Life v St Helens; Becup
Borough v Floton; Boode v Vauchall GM;
Cittheroe v Namwich; Eastwood Hanley v
Bradford Park Avenue; Perurith v Great
Harveod; Prescot v Maine Road;
Stalmendels v Alherton LR.
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier di-

Harwood: Prescot v Maine Road:
Stainseredale v Atherton LR.
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bristol Manor Firm v Davidah:
Chard v Phymouth Argyle; Emore v
Liekeard Athletic, Frome v Minehead:
Mangosfield v Bideford; Ottery St Mary v
Tiverton; Paulton v Chippenham; Saltash v
Taunton; Torrington v Ermouth, Welton
Rovers v Weston-super-Mare.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES
LEAGUE: Premier division:
Brightingses v Newmarket; Cacton v
Thetford; Comard v Gorleston; Greet
Yarmouth v Tiptree; Heistead v Watton;
Haverhilf v Wisboch, Lovestoff v Harvoch
and Parkeston; Wrosham v Felicatione.

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division:
Cardinal Manning Old Boys v Old
ignetiens; Old Isteworthana v Old
Meadonlars; Latymer Old Boys Salessians v
Old Denes.

ABACUS WELSH LEAGUE: Nationel
division; Caelicto v Ebbev Vale; Cemphran
v Haverfordwest; Ferndale v Abergaliwyth; Inter Cardiff v Bracon; Lansell v
Abergavenny; Maesteg v Briton Ferry;
Pembroke v Bridgend; Ton Pentre v Atan
Lido.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Beloe v Brigg: Ecclesial v Casatt Town: Glassinouphton Wel v Harrogate RA; Liversedge v Thackley, Maithy Mill V Cenaby; Casett Abion v Sutton Town; Sheffield v North Ferriby; Spannymoor v Rotatistoi-Cot; Winterton-Tengers v North Shelds NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division

castar City; Harrogate v Workington; iriam v Radditis Sorough; Knowstey v Colwyn Bag; Newtown v Warrington; ffryl v Gulkalay; Rossendale v Alfreton; Worksop v Nettuerfield.

SEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier Whitty; Shildon v Blyth Spartans. ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier di-vision: Old Brentwoods v Old Foresters; Old Carthusians v Old Matverriens; Old Reptonises v Lancing Old Boya. First division: Old Alderhamlens v Old Sab-pians; Old Bardhedlans v Old Wellingburians; Old Harrowens v Old Wellingburians; Old Harrowens v Old Helleyburians; Old Westminsters v Old Wytichemiets.

RUGBY UNION 3.0 unless stated Quarter-finals Courage Clubs Championship First division

Rugby v Nottingham.... Wasps v Saracens

Third division Calton v Redruth Lydney v Broughton Pk. Fourth division north Lichfield v Kendal (2.30)...
Towcestrians v Winnington Pk... Fourth division south Ealing v Basingstoke Sixth round

All 2.30 Abertillery v Cardiff HSOB
Bridgend v Newbridge
Cardiff v Newport
Cross Keys v Pontypool
Durwent v Tallywain
Llanelli v Neath
Pontypridd v Tondu
Sth Wates Police v Swansea

McEwan's Scottish League First division Boroughmusr v Merroae
Currie v Hawick
Edinburgh Ac v Gala.
Edinburgh November String Co.
Heriot's FP v Jed-Forest.
Watsonians v Stewarts Mel
West of Scotland v Salkirk.

FOOTBALL

3.0 unless stated

Barclays League First division

Everton v Leeds Utd

London Irish v Llanharan (2.30) London Scottish v Horsham (2.30)

TOMORROW

ton College, 200). Neston v Trojans (Neston RC, 20): Old Loughtonsans v Indian Gymishana (Chowell, 1.30); Stourport v Slough (King Charles School, Kidderminster, 2.30). Second division: Bournemouth v Doncaster (Bournemouth SC, 1.30): Cambridge City v Barford Tigers (Coldhams Common, 2.30). Cheimstord v Gree Court (Cheimser Park, 2.30). Cheimstord v Gree Court (Cheimser Park, 2.30). Cheimstord v Brean (Bournade SC, 2.0): Framby-v Surbiton, Sketmeradale, 1.30): Harbonne v Gasidford (Birminghem University, 12.30), Reading v Isca (Sonnang Lane, 2.0): Richmond v Wattefeld (Fardfranton School 2.0) v Isca (Sonning Lane, 2.0); Richmond v Wakefield (Teddington School, 2.0) AEWHA CUP: Fifth round: Bradford v Sevenceles (2.0). Clifton v Bournerouth and Parkstone (11.30); Esling v Chelmsford (2.0); FP Sutton Coldinata v Wimbledon (11.0), Hightony v Liverpool (3.0), Laicester v Crimson Rambiers (1.0): Portsmouth v Blueharts (12.0); St Albans v Siguigh (12.30)
TYPHOO WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: Second division: Exmouth v Bracknell
WOMEN'S COUNTY MATCH: Not-

WOMEN'S COUNTY MATCH; Not-singhemature v Dustiam. BASKETBALL CARLSBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE: Women: First division: London Jets v Notungnem Wildcats: Northampton 75'es v Briston Lady Toposts Second division: South Tyneside v Northampton

ICE HOCKEY HEINEKEN NATIONAL LEAGUE: Pro-(3.20). Tribrd division: Devisiony v Barrow
(3.0); Highfield v Chorley (3.0); Keightey v
Nottingham (3.15); Sorthorough v Battey
(3.0); Whitehaven v Hunstell (1.0)
HOCKEY

PIZZA EXPRESS NATIONAL LEAGUE:
First division: Carnock v Bromley (Four
Crosses, 2.30); Firebrands v Lyons (CiffStourbridge v Lough Univ Naterloo v Morley (2.15) ..

MIDLANDS: Courage Clubs Champ-lonship: First division: Carop Hill v Newark; Derby v Barkers Butts; Lesenson ton v Syston; Wastlegh v Stoke Second division wast: Burton v Bromagrove, Wolverhampton v Stafford. East Mid-lands and Leicester: Aylestone St James v Kettering, Coalville v Wellingborough, Luton v Stoneygate Notts, Lincs and Derbyshire: Stamford v Glessen.

SOUTH WEST: Courage Clubs Champ-ionship: Bucks and Oxon: Wheatley v Pennanans

FA Trophy Bath v Wycomb Beth v Wycombe...

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND:
Premier division: Bray Wenderers v St.
Patnick's Athletic Denry v Athlene (3 30):
Dundals v Cork City: Galwey v Behemiers; Shamrock v Sigo.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: First division:
Eastwood Town v Netherfield.

WOMEN'S FA: Premier division:
Knowsky Utid v Naidistone Tigresses:
First division north: Davies Argile v
Wolverhamptor; Villa Azieca v Spondon.
First division south: Heasocks Bescon v
Milton Keynes; Reigate v Abbeydale;
Town and Country v Araenal.

RUGBY LEAGUE SILK CLIT CHALLENGE CUP: Third round: Castleford v Feetherstone (3.30), Halliax v Braciford; Workington v Hust.

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP:

Extra disclore Supplements Williams (3.04). First division: Swinton v Widnes (3 0): Wakefield v Hull KR (6.15): Warrington v Leeds (3 0): Second division: Carlisls v London Crussders (2 0). Leigh v Sheffield (3 30). Third division: Devision by Barrow (3.0): Reginely v Barrow (3.0): Reginely v Nottingham (3.15): Scarborough v Battey (3.0); Writtehaven v Hunstel (1.0)

ENGLISH LEAGUE: First division: Med-way Bears v Sunderland Chets; Oxford City Stars v Sheffield Steelers; Streatham Redskuns v Harmgey Racers. **TABLE TENNIS**

BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division:
NOFD Grove v Team Peniel, Bethwick
Tyres (Bath) v Conlederated Life St
Nocis; Elenborough (Enfield) v Yugo
Care Peterborough That division north:
Norwich Foxwood v Vymura International Norwich Foxecod v Vymura International (Hyde): West Warwckshare v Weil Connected Merswear (Wellingborough): Liverpool v Rusion Marconi (Lincoln) First division south: Colley Toyota (Pontypool) v DML White Hart Launcoston, Batthwick Tyres v Ellenborough, Herstem Dolphins v Larkhall.

VOLLEYBALL ROYAL BANK NATIONAL LEAGUE: Mer: Second division: Dateton Old Boya v Weymouth Jewson; Gateshead Armtage v Crunch 91: RAF v RTB Chester; Essex Estonian v Racio Trent Rochets, Dynamo London v Team Knights I; Malory II v Eastway Men

OTHER SPORT 90WLS: Men's world indoor champion-shipe (Guid Heil, Preston); EIBA cham-pion of champions and under-25 angles, final stages (at Nottinghem)

Newbury v High Wycombe Fullers
Brewery Middledes Merit Table: Mid Hig
v Corl Service Fullers Brawery Herris
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Excabenhane v Old Vendamens Tabard v
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Actonians v Origans FP. Cid Alleymans v
KCS Old Boys, Cld Crantegrans v Old
Epsomans. Old Grantegrans v Old
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Brentwoods. Old Gaudifordens v Old
Brockleans, Old Juddans v Old
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Dunetonians

RUGBY LEAGUE SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP- Therd round: SI Holons v Wigen (30)

HOCKEY

TYPHOO WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE First division: FP Sutton Coldfield v Ealing. Sherwood v Wimbledon: Hightown v Leicester Slough v Cetton, Yate and South Gloucester v Cheimstord, Dencester v Ipswich PERONI SOUTH LEAGUE: Premier division: Ashlord v Ordord Hawks. Bognor v Wimchester: Eastcote v Tunbridge Wolle, High Wytcombe v Stanes, Merden Russels v Chichester, Cid Bordanians v Anchorians, Old Bordanians v Anchorians, Old Gordanians v Anchorians, Old Gordanians v Anchorians, Old Bordanians v Chichester, Cid Bordanians v Anchorians, Old Bordanians v Camberley Hampshree and Surrey. Basingstoke v Gosan, City of Portsmouth v Old Edwardians, Fleel v Old Whightens, Merton v Walton. Methopolitan Police v Epsom; Old Walcounteurs v Southampton University. Orshort v NatWest Bank. Pirelli v Hamble Old Boys Kent and Sussex: Eastbours v Old Wallamsonians; Herne Bay v Norsham, Michand Bank, V BICC, Med-Sustex: v Burnt Ash, Old Beccenamians v Crowborough, and

PIZZA EXPRESS LONDON LEAGUE: Beckenhem v Maidenhead, Cheam y Old PIZZA EXPRESS LONDON LEAGUE:
Beckenhem v Madienhaed, Cheam v Old
Kingstonians: Hampstead and Westminster v Mid-Surrey. Spencer v Dutwich.
Tutse Hall v London University
ERNST AND YOUNG NORTH PREMIER LEAGUE: Adderley Edge v Distey.
Ben Rhydding v Swalwell. Bowdon v
Liverpool Selton: Brooklands v Blackburn, Durham University v Rumgarha,
Hightown Northern v Timperley, Norton v
Sheffield. Preston v York
HALPERN AND WOOLF NORTH WEST
LEAGUE: Print devision: Deciside Ramblars v Wigen, Macclesheld v Knutsford,
Manchester v Northop Hall. Ordon v
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Chester.
NORTH EAST LEAGUE: First division:
Ballingham v Norton, Carlisle v South
Shelde: Sunderland v Stockton, Tyredale
v Darlington, Tynemouth v Redcar,
Whitehaven v Morpeth
ERNST AND YOUNG MIDLANDS

SOULASM RACKETS: Leekes Weish Classic (Covenity)

Whitehaven v Morpeth ERRAST AND YOUNG MIDLANDS Leicaster Westlergh. Education v Biowich, Khalis v Covenity & North War, Nothingham v Bestian, Otion and West Warwicks v Beiper.

SQUASM RACKETS: Leekes Weish Classic (Cardiff)

TENNIS: LTA men's indeer satellise (Covenity)

Whitehaven v Morpeth ERRAST AND YOUNG MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bridging to Vision and West Warwicks v Beiper.

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Banks
MORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE
Premier division, Prosbume v Pedis
Eagles Bury St Edmunds v Crostys
Colchester v Bishop's Stortlera
Harleston Mappies v Washedn, Ipwach v
Hueharts, Peterborough v Peubans, West
Herts v Ford

Hents - Ford

WOMEN'S TERRITORIAL LEAGUES
North, Cartala v Crisskin Ford Chester
CO v Wakefeld Chashy v Soungleds
Great Harwood - Powton Sunsestand
Bedans v Newcastle Worksop - I Case
South: Cheam v Winchmen Hill Reading
v Entirets Tropais v Sunday, Wanchester v Worthing, Wohng v Southamp
on Senior club misches Busharis v
Harleston, Bracknell v Mandenhead, City
of Portchnouth v Havant Loughbothaugh v
Northampton Otion v Wolverhampton,
Welvyn Garden City v Cambridge City

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Men: First devision Chechire Jets - Thames Valle, Tigers, Manchester Gants - Hemet Hempsted Royals Worthing Bears - Derby Bucks, Kingston - Sundarland Sants Second drussion: Barnsley Generals - Doncaster Engles Biochourne - Middlestrough Mohawis Bury Lobos - Ware, Greenwich - Coventry Figers, Olinham Cerber - Briston Topicals, Frimouth Raiders - Cardid Buccanners Third drivision: Cheshre - Buils - Leucester Falcons, Stevenage Phoema, - Mid Susser Magic, Sedgetatir Racers - John London Shoffield - Calderdate Explorers Solent Stars - Chaltern Fastbreak, Semdon Sones - Crystal - Patace Semons - Women: First division: Sheffield Hatters - V Hemel Hempstead, Second division-Camberley Golden Eagle - Sunderland Chechie - V Harlesden - Amazons; Doncaster - Kings Lynn Phoems.

ICE HOCKEY BASKETBALL

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HEINEXEN MATIONAL LEAGUE: Pre-mier division. Ayr Randers v Humberside Sestawks, Brackneti Beers v Murrayleidi Racara, Cardifi Devis v Winley Warriors, Durham Wasps v Norwich and Peter-borough Prates, Notimpham Parthers v Billinghem Bombers First division: Fig Flyers v Stough Jets; Swindon Wuldcats v Besingstoke Beavers, Tetford Tigers v Lee Valley Lons. ENGLISH LEAGUE: Chelmstord Chaple

VOLLEYBALL ROYAL BANK NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men: Second divesion: Gateshead Armatage v Weymouth Jewson, Dalston Old Bays v Crunch 91: Esser Estonam s RTB Chester, RAF v Racio Trent Roctiets, Malory II v Teem Knights 1, Dynamo London v Eastway Men

LACROSSE SOUTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: First

OTHER SPORT ATHLETICS TSB international stivilation (13A Birmangham).

BOWLS: Men a world indoor champion-sinps (Guid Hall, Prestion), EBA Champion of Champions and under-25 singles, final stages (at Natingham).

SNOOKER: British Open (Derby).

SQUASH RACKETS: Leekes Welsh Classic (Cardif).

TENNIS: LTA men's indoor satellite (Coventry)

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Fascinating match-ups for Pilkington Cup quarter-finals

Rosslyn Park can convert mystery into a thriller

By DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THERE should be a leap Saturday every year. The in-sertion of an extra day has created the longer-than-usual gap between internationals from February 15 to March 7 - which enables the leading players today to concentrate on domestic rugby. In the case of England and Wales, it is their respective cup compe-titions which, by this afternoon, will have left the Pilkington Cup with only four contenders.

It is a fascinating quarterfinal draw, partly because of the local rivalries involved at Bristol and Roehampton. partly because the two leading first division teams meet at Orrell and partly because the one second division club remaining. Newcastle Gosforth, is not without a hope of upsetting Leicester, their illustrious visitors.

Rosslyn Park have taken the opportunity to create an air of mystery by refusing to name their team to play Harlequins, the holders, until to-day. Whether Harlequins will

ANDRIES van Heerden, the

South African-born No. 8

who won his first cap for

France against England last

weekend, pinpointed yester-

day in L'Equipe, the sports newspaper, the way forward for French rugby after the dismissal of two front-row for-

wards at the Parc des Princes

change," van Heerden, who has played for Tarbes for six

years, said. "British referees

are without doubt the best.

When an Englishman rucks,

it's within the rules. When it's

"It's up to the French to

(David Hands writes).

Van Heerden calls for

the French to adapt

another matter; they know Park so well they could probably name their team for them.

The smokescreen may be partly a result of the unhappiness Park's coach and captain felt when Simon Dear, their England B lock, announced his intention of joining the Quins earlier this month. The best place for Park to make their point is on the pitch and they have had the assistance this week of Roger Uttley, England's grand slam coach.

Moreover, they catch Harlequins under-strength: two of their internationals. David

regard it as mysterious is Pears and Neil Edwards, will be missing.

Pears, the full back who won his third cap at stand-off half last weekend, broke a thumb in training and may not be able to take his place in England's squad against Wales next month. Edwards has a broken nose but the Scottish team management is confident that he will be ready to play against France on March 7.

Orrell have added to the mystery, if not mystique, of the cup by choosing John Carleton on their wing, in the absence on holiday of Nigel

vice, that we would disadvan-

tage the Wallabies by playing

the international at Ellis Park

or Pretoria," Bob Fordham,

the ARU chief executive, said.

ing also heard details of the

The union's annual meet-

High spot at low level

THE Australian Rugby Union yesterday rubber-stamped the decision to play four matches in South Africa in August but will ask that the international be played at sea level - either in Cape Town or Durban (David Hands

a Frenchman, it's to hurt

because they are violent by

trol yourself when it gets tough. Coaches must under-

stand ... [in the club champ-

ionship] there are teams that

want to wreck the game and

those that try to impose their

style. "There are coaches who

order their teams to start a

fight if things aren't going

well. Between two strong

teams that doesn't happen.

By contrast games against smaller clubs often explode."

"You have to learn to con-

proposed players' company. organised to promote and market the game in the wake "There is a concern, based of the World Cup success.

in which John scored four tries and thought he'll do for us in the cup'," Des Seabrook, the coach of Orrell,

Quite what relevance Carleton's form of 12 years ago has to today remains to seen but Gloucester will examine it closely; their essential venties will be sustained despite the sad loss on Thursday of their long-serving secretary, Terry Tandy, who died of a heart attack. His memory will be honoured before to-

day's game. Bath should maintain their recent dominance over Bristol, and Leicester, on their third trip to the north this season, should have enough in hand to repel the challenge of Newcastle Gosforth.

While seven first division heavyweights slug it out, Wasps, with Dean Ryan returning at No. 8 after a knee operation, could slip into sec-ond place in the league by defeating Saracens, and Nottingham could add a little lustre to their season by defeating Rugby and moving off the bottom of the table.

Pilkington Cup Quarter-finals Bristol v Bath

Bristol ring the changes in their back division by moving Hull from full back to stand-off and Waghern from centre to full back. A reshaped front row includes Hilton, Hickey and Regan at hooker instead of the injured Palmer, Despite worries over the fitness of Hill and Ubogu, both play for Bath, who have won two of their three previous cup games with

Newcastle G y Leicester tan Chandler retains the full lan Chandler retains the full back position he has occupied for the last month in the absence of the injured Bennett in a full-strength Newcastle Gosforth team. Leicester have preferred Hackney to Tony Underwood on the right wing and restore Boyle to the centre against opponents who have never beaten them in the cup.

Orrell v Gloucester The return of Carleton on Ornell's wing for the unavailable Hestop is the only surprise, Cleary remaining at blind-side flanker. Gloucester have their international contingent playing in a full-strength team for the third cup meeting between the clubs, of which Orrell won the first in 1987 and Gloucester the

Rosslyn Park v Harlequins Kossiyn Park v Haricquins
The Park's team will not be
unveiled until today but Harlequins
are not so modest injuries
deprive them of Pears, Edwards,
Langhom, Bray and Russell so
Thresher plays at full back,
Challinor retains the stand-off
position and Shortland (lock) and
Sheasby (No. 8) reinforce the
pack. In 1981 the Park custed
Quins from the cup but last
season went down 24-12 in the
quarter-finals.

Troubled waters smoothed by Ripley

BY DAVID HANDS

ROWING, with oars, or rowing, with his near-neighbours? Andy Ripley had his share of the former in Boston (Mass) last weekend. He has no intention of letting perceived differen-ces of opinion with Harlequins create different waves when his chib, Ross-lyn Park, take on the Pil-kington Cup holders today at Roehampton (SW15). Ripley, who so frequently

adorns public occasions with expressions of "love and peace" as a reminder of the 1960s, when he was growing up to become En-gland's most unusual No. 8, was not voted president of the Park merely for his pacific qualities. The competitor remains but coloured, as always, with common sense and humour which surfaces at the most unlikely times.

A week ago Ripley and Roger Uttley, sometime col-leagues for England, took part in the age group world championship of indoor static rowing, an esoteric pursuit for which nature has equipped Ripley well. He won, Uttley came sec-ond, and half the fun was to be prepared for the final by "proper" rowers — Steve Redgrave coached Ripley, and Matthew Pinsent did the honours for Uttley. Now, the two rugby players are being threatened with a weekend with a "real" four.

on the water.

No doubt as they crossed the Atlantic, Uttley, until last November the England rugby coach, and Ripley discussed the move from the Park to Harlequins of Simon Dear, the England B lock, which caused a degree of ire earlier this month. There is no problem." Ripley said. "Rosslyn Park and Harlequins have been trading players for 20 years, to my knowledge.



We would probably prefer the trade to be in the other direction, but one of the reasons England are strong at the moment is because Harlequins are strong It's nothing to do with money or jobs but the recognition that they are a route to the national side. I have seen them strong and I have seen them weak; now they have a great organis-

ation and it's natural players gravitate towards them.
"That's a fact of life. The only thing we were disap-pointed about was the timing, the feeling perhaps that rugby was about friendship and standing by your mates when times were rough. Some people at

Park felt let down. But if Simon's heart wasn't in it. then he has been a brave boy. He has done us no disservice. He has created an opportunity and a problem, and it's his problem. What we have this week

end is a great rugby match in prospect. We have a couple of excellent locks in John Fowler and Bill Davison, and they will be going hard. I've been a Park play er for 20 years and will be with them for another 20. but I also take great pride what has happened to the England side, and part of that is built around Harlequins." There should be no rowing at Roehampton

Jones will miss the police cup call

By GERALD DAVIES

SWANSEA, the leaders of the first division, will be without Robert Jones, their international scrum-half, when they play South Wales Police today in the sixth round of the Schweppes Cup. Jones has not been able to train all week because of the severe bruising he received during last Satur-day's stylish 24-13 defeat of

Mike Ruddock, the Swansea coach, believed that Jones was at the end of an unprovoked punch. This has been confirmed on the video recording of the game. Others believed that Jones was given further excessive and unwarranted attention.

South Wales Police head the second division. "They have a good pack that likes to keep things tight," Ruddock said. "But we won't change our style of play because of that or the fact that this is a knockout

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The team is now playing confidently and it would be a mistake to go against the grain of what they believe ve not always advocated this style because the quality of players have simply not been around. Now, though, the players are here at Swansea and it would be negative to kick the ball off the park all afternoon."

Neath, who will visit Llanelli for their seventh meeting in the competition, have yet to win at Stradey Park. Llanelli play their 100th game, a record in the history of the cup, with Lawrence Delaney, their prop, making his 54th appearance, two short of the record set by Ray Gravell.

In the oldest of local derbies, their 377th meeting, Newport go to Cardiff, who are second from the bottom of the first division and thankful, by now, that there is no relegation this season. Of their four cup-tie meetings Cardiff have won three but lost the final in 1977.

Carvill's Hill dwindles to 5-4 as confidence grows

By MICHAEL SEELY

WITH the Cheltenham Gold Cup still almost three weeks away, Carvill's Hill was yesterday cut from 6-4 to a

"All the talk in the betting shops is now about Cheltenham," Mike Dillon, of Ladbrokes, said. "Everyone seems to be deciding that they want to start by backing Carvill's Hill. There were a lot of four-figure bets around at Kempton during the afternoon.'

Confidence at Wellington in last Sunday's impressive Leopardstown winner landing the first leg of the ambitious Gold Cup-Grand National double remains unbounded. "Carvill's Hill is very well," Martin Pipe said. only wish that the Gold Cup was tomorrow."

On the Champion Hurdle front, the best-backed horse in the past week has been Royal Gair, who has been supported from 20-1 the morning before his impressive win at Nottingham to his present odds of 7-1.

Yesterday, James Fan-shawe, trainer of Sheikh Mohammed's exciting novice. said: "He's taken his race very well and we're delighted with him. We are trying to keep as low-key as possible. We're well aware of what a formidable task he will be facing in a race like the Champion Hurdle, where experience counts for so much."

Cheltenham excitement was also in the air on a sunny afternoon at Kempton. Tim

BLUE Cheek, who unseated

his rider at the last when level

with two others at Kingston

Blount a fortnight ago. can

make amends in the first divi-

sion of The Times Champion-

ship qualifier at the North

Herefordshire point-to-point

Although one of that pair,

Jolie Giselle, reopposes today,

Blue Cheek, an ex-Irish six-

year-old, has the greater

different hunts entering for

the first of this season's qualifiers, the race has been split in to three divisions. In all, the

meeting has attracted 342 entries, the open and maiden also being divided to make it

first time in a qualifier. Ox-

a ten-race programme. Carrying penalties for the

With 104 horses from 30

scope.

Thomson Jones, having with Buck Willow and Norshown us a live Champion Hurdle candidate in Fidway at Wincanton on Thursday, festival bow in Keep Talking, who outclassed his opponents in the FTC Skip Tracing Nov-

"Declan Murphy said he was really impressed by the amount he's improved," the trainer said. "We're going to run him in the four-mile National Hunt Chase and hopefully Marcus Armytage will ride. We've decided against the Sun Alliance, which is going to be such a hot race. He should stay the trip all right because he's by Le Bavard out of a mare by Raise You Ten."

Jim Joel, Keep Talking's 97-year-old owner, will also be dreaming of festival glory



Joel: several strings to his Cheltenham bow

Blue Cheek to atone for error

POINT-TO-POINT BY BRIAN BEEL

ford University winners Sweet Patrick and Stolen Star

could meet in division two.

On a right-handed course, I

would have little hesitation in

selecting Sweet Patrick but,

at Newtown, the issue could

In probably the easiest of the three divisions, Mitchells

Best may have the edge over

The Mendip Farmers will

be racing on a new course at

Castle of Comfort. After split-

ting Wellington Brown and

be close.

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man Conquest. Joel was first successful at Cheltenham's big meeting in 1962 when Beau Normand Gloucester Hurdle.

Nicky Henderson and Richard Dunwoody continued in top form when Interpretation won the opening FTC Corporate Recovery Novices' Hurdle. The jockey rode an opportunist race to beat the odds-on favourite, Mountain Kingdom, by suddenly stepping up the gallop approaching the home straight. "That was plan A," said the trainer, "but we had plans B and C ready as well." Henderson holds one of his

strongest ever hands at Cheltenham with Remittance Man, Mutare, New York Rainbow and Rustle all strongly fancied. The trainer refused to be drawn about whether Dun-

woody has a choice between riding Remittance Man and Waterloo Boy in the Queen Mother Champion Chase. "We haven't even discussed the jockey question yet," he said firmly. Wellington Brown, six-

length winner of the Matthias Construction Materials Hunter Chase for Hilary Trigg, will not run in the Foxhunters Challenge Cup at Cheltenham. 'He doesn't like the course

and doesn't stay three miles on it," Mrs Trigg said. "We'll go for the two-and-a-half-mile race at Ascot that he won last

in the equivalent event at the

South Durham, Bargernma

Federal Trooper may not

be unduly extended to win the

Land Rover event at the Army

and, in the same sponsor's

race at the Cheshire Forest,

the way looks open for Into

The Mystic now that Good

The members' race at the

Bolventor looks easy for Fid-

dler's Pike while Quick Affair

can justify support in the

maiden at the Easton.

Cool It A Bit at Larkhill, and now coming down in class, Precipice Lodge will be very difficult to beat here in the restricted.

A quick follow-up to his Jedforest win can be anticipated for Steele Justice in the West Percy ladies' open while

Waters runs at Stratford.

looks the pick.

Sanndila to set up **Punchestown** treble for Flynn

FROM OUR IRISH RACING CORRESPONDENT IN DUBLIN

IN THE past 12 months, no Irish trainer has made a sharper move up the winners' list than Pat Flynn, aged 35, who has his stables in the shadow of the Comeragh mountains in Co Waterford.

Today's meeting at Punchestown is a vital one for Flynn in that his dreams of Cheltenham glory will be put to the test in three successive races - two of them televised with Sanndila (1.10). Arcane (1.40) and Call Me Later (2.10) all going for trebles.

Sanndila is the shortestpriced of the Irish entries for

the Daily Express Triumph Hurdle and this former Aga Khan-owned winner on the Flat attempts to repeat a course and distance success when taking on stronger op-position in the Jurys Hotel Group Hurdle, including the smari Leopardstown winner Novello Allegro.

Arcane scampered home four-and-a-half lengths ahead of Bitofabanter at Thurles and can give the weight away to Lo Stregone in the final of the Irish National Hunt Novices' Hurdle. Lo Stregone was beaten a length at Fairyhouse by I've Topped It.

Call Me Later, Flynn's contender for the listed Kildare Day Chase, would prefer a longer trip and softer ground but this mare is such a fluent jumper that she may still be

too good for Derrinore. The feature race is the Ir£14,000 Eddie Brennan Ltd National Trial, a handicap chase over an extended three-and-a-quarter miles. The 14 runners include three Irish hopefuls for the Martell Grand National, namely Lanigan's Wine, a previous winner of this race, Cloney Grange and Sharp Com-

ment At the weights, though, they are likely to meet their match in the John Upsontrained Zeta's Lad. There was a £1,000 bet struck about him at 33-1 against Carvill's Hill at Leopardstown last Sunday but he was out of his depth and made a number of jumping mistakes as Carvill's Hill forced the pace.

His chance here is much better assessed on his previous attempt at Newbury when he failed by only half a length to give 17lb to Tom Troubadour. It is significant that Upson has stayed on for today's race.

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GOING: STANDARD DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.10 NEEDLES HANDICAP (\$2,304:51)

3 00-3 SIG CAPTAIN 7 (D.F.G.S.) P. Howing 8-910... W Neumon 6 4 25-5 PENDOR DANCER 26 (E.CD.F.G.) B Foreign 98-6 5 166 DOESYOUDCES 29 (V.CD) D Thorn 38-8 ... R Continue 2 6 0-00 MISDEMEANOURS GIRL 21 (D.S.) M Chemna 48-0

9 00-0 BARGEZIEUX 18 (B.D.F.S) T Naughan 5-J Femming (S) 3 о гилинд раз 11.4 Cellio, 7-2 Sir Captain, 9-2 Hineri Video, 6-1 Rushanse, 8-1 Pen-dor Dancer, 10-1 Doseyoudoes, 14-1 it's Only Money, 16-1 others.

2.40 HURST POINT CLAIMING STAKES (\$2,186:_im) (10)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: G Wrang, 5 winners from 14 runners, 35.7%; B Hanbury, 3 from 9, 33.3%; W Jarvia, 3 from 12, 25%; W O'German, 18 from 79, 24.1%; C British, 7 from 37, 18 9%; C C Elsey, 11 from 65, 18.9%. JOCKEYS: P Turner, 3 winners from 7 rides, 42.9%; Emma O'Gorman, 17 from 68, 25%; D Nicholis, 4 from 20, 20%; K Rutter, 5 from 25, 19.2%; T Outen, 30 from 161, 18,6%; M Hills, 13 from 61, 16%. 3.10 EDDYSTONE HANDICAP

G Bardwel 94 Dorset Duke, 3-1 Modesto, 7-2 Super Sally, 6-1 Go Exec tive, 8-1 Use Dollar, 12-1 Shabenez.

3.45 BISHOP'S ROCK APPRENTICES HANDICAP (£2,304: 2m) (10) 200/ MEGAN'S FLIGHT (C) T Caldwell 7-10-2 30-0 APPLIANCEOFSCIENCE (B) A Reid 5-8-11 SMeloney 5

4.20 DURLSTON HEAD MAIDEN STAKES (£2,363: 1m 2f) (10)

2,503: 1m 2f) (10)

1 60-8 BASILICA C Brittain 9-0 B Doyle 9

2 500- COPY LANE M Channon 9-0 W Newnes 3

3 3-2 FENGARI P Walvyn 9-0 R Cochrane 8

4 33-5 GRANITE BOY P Felikon 9-0 A Shouts 2

5 80- MAJOR RISK P Kelaway 9-0 G Bardwell 4

6 00-3 TADORA C Benstead 9-0 M Hills 10

7 08-2 CHILD STAR D Marks 8-8 G Baxter 1

8 DREAM SWIETT DREAMS B Hanbury 8-9 V Bray (7) 8-7

9 44 GOOD AS GOLD J Spearing 8-9 D Nichols 10

KIRISMA Mrs J Cacil 8-9 B Crossley 5

10-11 Khrisma, 11-2 Fengari, 8-1 Besilica, Oream Sweet Dreams, 10-1 Child Star, Granite Boy, 12-1 others.

4.50 dungeness point handicap (£2,364: 1m 2f) (7)

158 Rosa Why, 52 Sight Risk, 112 Beam Me Up Scotty, 7-1 Victor Romeo, 8-1 Thursley, 12-1 Eau D'Espair, 20-1 Alaus.

Southwell Kempton Park Going: good to firm .

Going: good to firm

2.20 (2m 4f hds) 1, INTERPRETATION
(R Durwoody, 5-4); 2, Mountain Kingdom (P Holley, 4-5 tav); 3, Ströng-Attraction (R Belamy, 68-1). ALSG-RAME:
25 Grey Gypsy (6th), 50 Benyl's Joke (4th), 65 Every One A Gem (5th), Flory Road (pu), Getavesy Blake (pu), Phannas (pu), 9 ran. 20, 51, 51, 51, 11, N Henderson at Lambourt, Toter 52,40; 21,10, 21,10, 54,70. DF: 21,40. GSF: 22,37. Placepol: £364.60. Kelso Going: good to soft (good in places)

2.50 (3m.ch) 1, WEILINGTON BROWN (Mr M Betters, 4-1); 2, Härtey (Mr D McCalh Jr. 5-1); 3, Queensway Boy (Mr N Bradley, 20-1), ALSO RAN, 3 j-fav Some Obligation (Bith), Strands Of Gold (4th), 5 Fort Hall, 14 Bob Tesder (pu), 20 Crumpet Delte, 33 Abrative; 55th, Tumble Time. 10 ran, NR: Wall Game, 6, 7, 184, 123, 123. New H Tring at Southampton. Tota: £540: £1,80, £1,70, £3,70. DF: £11,10. CSF: £24,46. 3.20 (3m ch) 1, KEEP TALKING (D Nur-phy, 2-1); 2, KERBION Castis (C Usw-ellyn, 33-1); 3, Mossy Fern (J Qaborne, 4-5 lav), ALSO RAN: 7 Welstr Commission, 5th), 14 Brave Defender (Sh); 100 Mount Eaton Fox (f), Canadian Balle (4m), 7 ran 8, sh hd, 8, 25, 251, T Thomson Jones at Upper Lumbourn. Tote: 23-30; 21, 70, 25,80 DF: 220,30, CSF: 241,82

3.50 (2m 4f hdis) 1, JUST AS HOPEFUL, (Miss A Herwood, 9-1); 2, Mismi in Spring (Lome Vincend, 11-8 lav); 3, John O'Dee (Miss 3 Alum, 4-1); ALSO RAN: 13-8 Threecastiour (4m), 4 mn, 12, 23, 294, O Barons at Kingstridge, Tota: 28.90, DF: 23.50, CSF: 220.33.

4.20 (cm 4f ch) 1, WORTHY KNIGHT (R Dumopdy; 14-1); 2. Sirrah Jay (A Maguiri, 3-1 farr) 3, FR For Firing (P Holler, 18-1), ALSO RAN: 5-2 Good Tonic (ur), 7-2 Blumberry King (ur), 8 Decided (4th), 5 ran, 19-1, 19, 301, Jeinichas at Roy-ston, Toke £12,80; £1,80, £1,80 OF-£12,90, CSF, £38, 40. 4.50 (2m hote) 1, BAS DE LARNE (J Os-bome, 45 tov. Richard Evens's nep & Privete Handicepper's top rating; 2, Noble Insight (P Scudenora, 11-6); 3,

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Festriess Fred (J Kavensch, 88-1) ALSO RAN: 20 Proteiny (4th), 33 Mister Mistral, Sleepfine Formany, 8's Desicious (8th), 100 Juck Salpe (5th), Katie's Clown, 9 rsn. 191, 18, 8, 2, 8. O Sherwood at Upper Lembourn. Tote: 51 90: £1.10; £1.30, £3.20, DF: £1.60, CSF; £2.13. Jackpot: not won. (Pool of £2,816.85 carried forward to Kempton today)

2.00 (2m hdle) 1, 'Dizzy (B Storey, 2-5 tay); 2, Set The Standards (7-2); 3, Merked Gard (65-1), 4 ran. 5, 8i. P Monterth, Tote; £1.40. DF-£1.50. CSF: £2.18 2.30 (2m 6f ch) 1, Caffeide (N Doughty, 100-30); 2, Forever Aston (8-1); 3, Marry Mastor (5-2 fav), 16 ran, 51, nk. G Richards, Tole 24.65; 22.20, 53.30, £1.80, DF: £33.50, CSF: £30.64

3.00 (2m 2! hdle) 1, Prooblatensky (N Doughly, 4-11 fav); 2, Kirkton Gray (18-1); 3, Benghazi (50-1), 18 ran, NR: Who Sir, 8I, 10, G Richards, Tote: 21,50: 51,30, 52,90, £11,60, DF: £27,60, CSF: £10,62

8.30 (3m 4f ch) 1, Deep Cotonist (Mr R Ford, 11-2); 2, Over The Deel (3-2 f-tary); 3, Norvel (11-1), 12 mn. 2/h; 11. T Tete, Tota: 58.00; 12.20, 52.40, 53.40, DF: \$14.00. CSF: \$27.66. Tricset: \$237.75. 4.00 (2m fide) 1, Jisury Jack (N Doughty, 8-13 lav); 2, Precious Boy (11-4); 3, M Woodcock (4-1), 5 ran, Hd, 12), G Richards, Toter, 21.60; 21 10, 21.70. DF, 22.10. CSF: 22.65.

4.30 (Sm ch) 1, Dun Gay Lass (Mr C Storay, 4-7 fav); 2, Finel Chart (3-4); 3, Roughside (7-1), 5, cm. 8, dist. Me. P Clarton, Tota: £1.40; £1.20, £1.80, OF. £2.20, CSP. £2.27.

5.00 (2m fter) 1, Glon Flur: (5 Meson, 3-1 ji-fer); 2, Mozeno (14-1); 5, Knowing (33-1). Archusse Bay, Torpodo Grid 3-1 ji-fera. 15 ran. 6t, 7t. R. Layland. Totar: 05.10; 22.50, 03.20, 92.70. DF. 218.20. CSF-241.09, After a stewards triquity, result stood. stood. Piscapot: £10.70

2.10 (7) 1, Native Idol (W.R. Swinthum, 4-1): 2, Cualitair Idol (25-1): 3, Peace-Formula (12-1), Keen Wilt, Rasya 7-2 jt. Isava, 12 ran, 7i, 2i, J Famathawe, Totle: 24.40; E2.70, 08.00, E2.60, OF: £155.10, CSF: £82.99. 2-40 (Im) 1, Battle Standard (M Birch, 12-1); 2, Euroblake (5-6 lav); 3, Mercham House (33-1), 14 ran. 3, 9. C Tinider, Tota; 214-70; 22-80, 51-40, \$19.80. DF \$14.90 CSF: \$21.94. CSF: 221.94.
3.10 (Gf) 1, Brisse (J Fanning, 11-2): 2, Pasidesmich (74 fav): 3, Miss Calculate (11-4), 8 nan, NR: Fontains Lady, 6, 41 Teathurst, Tote: E7.30; 22.70, £1.70, DF: 25.70, CSF: £14.34.
3.40 (70) 1, Snotherhystitection (M Humphries; 9-2): 2, Energic (3-1): 3, By Hand (2-1 (t-law). Pop To Stars 2-1 (t-law, 4 na., Hd, 4), R Hollinshead. Tote: £5.40 DF: £3.20, CSF: £15.48.
4.10 (1m 40) 1, Horizon (D Biogs, 5-1); 2, Army Of Stars (7-1); 3, Pars Clease (16-1). Westfield Moves 13-8 fav. 8 na., 34, 41 Thomas Jones. Tote: £5.60; £1.60, £1.30, £3.00. DF: £16.20. CSF: £33.61. Tricass: £413.92.

Placepot: 21469,30, Racing next week

MONDAY: Doncaster, Leicester, Southwell (AW). TUESDAY: Not-tingham, Lingfield Park (AW). WED. NESDAY: Wetherby, Worcester, Plumpton, Southwell (AW). THURSDAY: Ludlow, Lingfield Park (AW). FRIDAY: Newbury, Haydock Park, Southwell (AW). SAT-URDAY: Newbury, Haydock Park, Hereford, Market Rasen, Lingfield Park (AW).

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4.40 (67) 1, Orient Air (Alex Greaves, 5-1):
2. Swinging Lady (7-2): 3, Count Me Out (85-40 fav): 7 ren. 44, 3, T Berron, Tote: 26.80; 23.40, 22.10. DF: 215.70. CSF: 219.90.

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Mr Entertainer to enjoy the trip IN GOING for Mr Enter- ened up for the occasion after Handicap Chase at Kempton

acutely aware of the fact that ERALD DANK this big grey nine-year-old will be entering uncharted waters. For he has never raced beyond two-and-a-half miles. To counter that, though,

Nick Gaselee, his trainer, has always believed that today's distance of three miles is within his range.

This contention was bolstered on today's course two days after Christmas when Graham McCourt, who had just partnered the horse to a ten-length victory over twoand-a-half miles, beating the previous track record by 1.6 seconds in the process, ven-tured the opinion that he was

crying out for a longer trip. When discussing today's race. Gaselee told me that Mr Entertainer has been fresh-

2.00 Song Of Sixpence. 2.30 Young Snugfit. 3.00 NONE SO BRAVE

MANDARIN

(nap). 3.35 Tinryland.

4.10 Mr Entertainer. 4.40 Cab On Target. 5.05 Cottage Walk.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

tainer to win the Racing Post a nice rest and that if he is to ever get three miles he will Park this afternoon, I am certainly do it around a course as sharp as Kempton when the conditions underfoot are in his favour, as they most certainly are today.

Today, Mr Entertainer is reunited with Brendan Pow-



Powell: six victories on Mr Entertainer

RICHARD EVANS

3.00 Canny Chronicle. 4.10 Combermere. 4.40 CAB ON TARGET

THUNDERER

2.00 Flown.
2.30 Young Snugfit.
3.00 None So Brave.
3.35 Tinryland.
4.10 Docklands Express.

4.40 Cab On Target. 5.05 Cottage Walk.

2.00 DOVECOTE NOVICES HURDLE (Grade II: £5,490: 2m) (6 runners)

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4,10 NODFORM.

MANDARIN

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

ell, the jockey who arguably knows him best of all since he has won six times on him.

Top weight is shouldered by Docklands Express who had 17lb less when he won the corresponding race 12 months ago. In the meantime he has put up some cracking performances, notably when runner-up to The Fellow in the King George VI Chase over today's course and distance on Boxing day.
In that sort of form, Dock-

lands Express would obviously take all the beating today. even with his big weight. However, he has run badly in the meantime and it should be remembered that his preparation is being timed to bring him to a peak on Grand National day whereas today's Entertainer's sole target since the beginning of the year.

If Dalkey Sound is beaten into second place again, as well she may be, on what will be her second trip south from Cleveland this month, her trainer, Mary Reveley, and jockey, Peter Niven, should at least be able to countenance the long journey home in a relatively content frame of mind having won the Rendle-sham Hurdle with Cab On Target, who has yet to taste defeat this season. My selec-

Today's programme on the Sunbury track can begin with Jan Balding's versatile eightyear-old Song Of Sixpence winning the Dovecote Novices' Hurdle.

tion is taken to deny Floyd a

second successive victory in

For Young Snugfit, the Emblem Chase looks the ideal opportunity to pick up the

4.10 RACING POST HANDICAP CHASE

(Grade III: £31,875: 3m) (11 runners)

SOMETO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

Racecard number. Six-ligure form (F - [ell.]
P - pulled up. II - unseated rider. B - brought down. S - slipped up. R - refused.
D - disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; F if flat (B - bimkers. S - soft, good to soft, neavy) Owner in visione last outing; F if flat (B - bimkers. S - soft, good to soft, neavy) Owner in brockets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider businer. D - distance winner. CD - course and

BETTING: 7-2 Docklands Express, 9-2 Dalkey Sound, 5-1 Mr Entertainer, 7-1 Romany King, 10-1 Comber-mers, Nodform, 12-1 Ghofar, 16-Karakter Reference, 16-1 Pagwell Bay, 20-1 Brown Windson, On The Twist 1991: DOCKLANDS EXPRESS 9-10-7 A Tory (7-2) K Bailey 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

DOCKLANDS EXPRESS put up his best effort when 1/st 2nd of 8 to The Fellow in the grade I King George VI Rank Chasa, over course and distance (good). ROMANY KING 53 and 6 to 7 two losts in the grade II Peter Marsh Limited Handicap Chase at Heydock (3m, good). MR ENTERTAINER best Gold Options 101 in a 6-miner handicap chase at Sendown (3m 18-miner handicap chase at Sendown (3m 51 shyd, good), but was subsequently Options 101 in a 6-miner handicap chase at Sendown (3m 51 shyd, good), but was subsequently dequalified. NODFORM's best either the sesson was when besting Strath Jay 4 in a 6-miner handicap chase at Chepatow (2m 4t, soil) COMBERWITH PEGWELL BAY (13lb better off) 23 3rd.

MERE best Rowferdsons Jewels a short head in 6-miner handicap chase at Sendown (3m 118yd, good to firm).

4.40 RENDLESHAM HURDLE (Grade II: £8,300: 3m) (6 runners)

BETTING: 54 Cab On Target, 7-2 Floyd, 4-1 Forest Sun, 8-1 Secret Four, 10-1 Pragada, 12-1 Holy Joe. 1991: FLOYD 11-11-12 G Bradley (11-2) D Elsworth 10 nan

5.05 KEMPTON NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,744: 2m) (22 runners)

FORM FOCUS

(3m) 100yd, good to 1 Tot Sen.
Selection: CAB ON TARGET (nep)

BETTING: 4-1 No Debt, 5-1 Chuck Curtey, 7-1 Den De Lyon, 8-1 Unqueras, 10-1 Lewesdon Hill, 12-1 Carrick Lanes, Cottage Walk, 14-1 Frank Rich, Street Kird, 16-1 others.

1991: TRAVADO 5-11-7 J Kavanagh (7-1) N Henderson 21 ran

valuable prize has been Mr winning thread again after that stout effort against Waterioo Boy at Ascot. A line through Waterloo Boy gives him the beating of his solitary rival. Master Rajh, who won

the race a year ago. None So Brave, who really did live up to his name when he accounted for Duharra at Newbury earlier this month. is now napped to draw attention to the overall excellence of that performance by giving weight all round in the Tote Placepot Hurdle.

The only time that None So Brave has lost over hurdles was at Chepstow where Good Profile proved just too good. As he is still unbeaten in five races over hurdles, that was clearly no disgrace.

Finally, Tinryland is taken to win the Mitsubishi Shogun Galloway Braes Trophy fol-lowing that sterling effort against Young Pokey at Ascot last time.

New retainer for Swinburn

WALTER Swinburn will replace Pat Eddery as first jockey to Maktoum Al-Maktoum this year (Michael Seely writes).

Explaining the move yesterday. Joe Mercer, the sheikh's racing manager, said: "One of the principal reasons for the new arrangement is that Pat's first commitment is to Khaled Ab-

dulla. Now that the prince is and Ben Hanbury at Newhaving many more horses trained in France, Pat won't be so readily available.

"However, we are keeping a second claim on Pat's services and he will have first choice of the 58 trained by Michael Stoute."

Besides Stoute, Maktoum Al-Maktoum also has horses

in training with Alex Scott

Head in France. His best horses at present

market and with Criquette

include Sheikh Albadou, the Breeders' Cup sprint winner. and Hatoof, who looks sure to develop into a leading candidate for either the French or English 1,000 Guineas after her unlucky second to Culture Vulture in Paris last autumn.

STRATFORD

MANDARIN

1.50 Dual Image, 2.20 Saville Beg. 2.50 Slavi. 3.20 Plat Reay, 3.55 Alkinor Rex. 4.25 Sanballat. 4.55 As

Good As Gold. THUNDERER

1.50 Dual Image. 2.20 Mariner's Walk. 2.50 Our Slimbridge. 3.20 PLAT REAY (nap). 3.55 Trublion. 4.25 Sanballat. 4.55 As Good As Gold. Brian Beel: 4.25 Sanballat.

GOING: GOOD

1.50 CHERINGTON NATIONAL HUNT

NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £1,235: 2m) (11 runners) 1 11-1 DUAL MAGE 94 (D.F.G.S) Jammy Fitzgemid 5-11 12 1 11-1 DUAL MAGE 94 (D.F.G.S) Johnny Fitzgerald 5-11 IZ

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2 00FU NOTHINGBUTPLEASURE 10 C Pophen 6-11-5
S Burrough
3 0-0 OLD REDWOOD 94 D McCain 5-11-5 Mr D McCain (7)
4 0-P POTTESY 10 G Baiding 6-11-5 S Hodgson
5 0/ RIVER FLY 840 J White 7-11-5 S Hodgson
6 00-4 SENNA BLUE 10 R Pugh 7-11-5 S McMell
8 0-SWEET GEORGE 287 N Henderson 5-11-5 J McVaranagh
9 (IVPP BERRY'S CRUISE 36 F Jordan 7-11-0 W McFarriand
10 800F MARINERS MOL 12 J Colston 5-11-0 V Stattery (5)
11 SSSP ROCHESTOWN LASS 11 P Dation 6-11-0 N Mann
7 Dati Immer 6-1 Protein Lass 11 P Dation 6-11-0 N Mann
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47 Dual Image, 6-1 Rochestown Lase, 8-1 Sweet George, 10-1 Sove segn Sound, 12-1 Senna Blue, 16-1 others.

2.20 CHERINGTON NATIONAL HUNT

NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £1,235: 2m) (10) 1 O ALAS SULVER 65 J McConnoche 5-11-5. J Pullin (7)
2 /PPP DEVON ZEPPER 11 (B) G Ros 7-11-5 Mertin Jones
3 P-5 LOYAL SPIRRT 126 Miss P Pis 8-11-5 J Mertin Jones
4 83-P MARINER'S WALK 15 R Holder 5-11-5 N Mann
5 0/P NARE POINT 7 J Bosley 7-11-5 M Bosley
6 0 PCKETSTONE 142 J Webber 5-11-5 A Webb
7 0 SAVILLE BEG 108 T Forster 6-11-5 C Lieweltyn
8 LIS/ KARYBABY 853 M Echly 7-11-0 L Lieweltyn
9 PP ROMAN REWARD 47 Mrs J Crott 6-11-0

10 P0-0 RUTHS PRIDE 10 G Price 7-11-0 Mr R Davis (7) 11-6 Saville Beg. 3-1 Manner's Walk, 11-2 Alas Siver, 10-1 Loyal Spirit, 14-1 Karybaby, 16-1 Polestatona, 20-1 others.

2.50 LUDDINGTON NOVICES CLAIMING

HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,235: 2m) (16)

WHumphreys

MILLSOLIN 19 A Dawson 11-0 J Kavanagh

PENANDO 72F O O'Neal 10-13 V Sistery (5)

PESIAN 8UD 103F J Bosley 10-11 M Bosley

8 1222 VICEROY GEM 9 (D.G) R Holder 10-11 8 1222 VICEROY GEM 9 (D.G) R Holder 10-11 D Matthews (7)
9 5223 PEACOCK FEATHER 19 (BF) K Burke 10-10 S Earle
10 1 SLAVI 11 (D.S) M Pipe 10-10 M Foster (3)
15 5002 TDP IT ALL 8 (D.BF.G) M Ryan 10-9 J McLaughlin
12 5 BI THE SPOTLIGHT 19 (B) R Curts 10-5 D Morris
13 43 SUMMER SANDS 9 J Harris 10-4 J A Harris
14 VAL DI SUGA 571F E Wheeler 10-4 C Teverely
15 GLOWING MAYTLE 18F R Peacock 10-2 S McKhell
16 PP ECONOMY EXPRESS 12 R Price 10-0 L Square (7)

7-4 Stavi, 5-2 Our Slimbridge, 6-1 Vicercy Gem, 8-1 Top It All, 12-1 Linchroers Lad. 16-1 others **COURSE SPECIALISTS**

TRAINERS: Jimmy Fitzgerski. 11 winners from 24 nunners, 45.8%. T Fostler, 15 from 50, 30% N Henderson, 11 from 41, 26.8%, R Curts, 3 from 13, 23.1%; M Pipe, 16 from 75, 21.3%; Mrs J Pitman, 11 from 53, 20 8%

3.20 BIDFORD HANDICAP CHASE

(£2,924: 2m 6f) (9) 2,944: 200 Gr) (a) 1 1-23 J-J-HÉNRY 79 (D,8F,F,G,S) P Beaumont 13 12-0 C Hamilum C Hawkins
2 F3-2 REPEAT THE DOSE 16 (F,S) T Emeragion 7-11-1
M Richards
3 23F1 PLAT REAY 14 (D,G,S) T Forsier 8-11-0 C Lieuweilyr
4 3/33 JOHN'S BIRTHDAY 18 (C,G) N Henderson 7-3 (C-6)
J Kavanach

5 1-F0 CELTIC TRUST 33 (S) J McConnoctee 9 t92 S Michiell 6 4/13 ANDORRA 84 (COUB-G.S) Jerry Pitzystati 10 10 1 M Dwyer 7 JF1P COMEDY ROAD to (BF.F.G) R Lee 8 100 C Maude 8 242 AMONG FRIENDS 56 (G) G Batting 7:103

9 1FFP FOCUS ON FOSTER 7 (BJF) J Webber 10 100 A Webb 7.4 Plat Resy, 4-1 Repeat The Dose, 11-2 Andorra, 6-1 Comers Road, 10-1 John's Bathday, 16-1 Among Friends, 20-1 others

3.55 RICHARDSONS NOVICES CHASE

(£3,512*2m) (6) 1 -125 MONK'S MISTAKE 19 (CD,F,G,S) FI Lee 10-11-8 2 0-1F ALKINOR REX 21 (D.G.S) G Harward 7 11-4
M Richards
S Earle 3 -012 TRUBLION 11 (D.G.S) S Melor 7-11-4 S Earle 4 53-P BRIDGETOWN LAD 82 Martyn Meade 11 11-0 N Hawka 505UU EL CAPISTRANO 12 (D.F) B Licestyn 11 11 0

6 6500 MERCURY MOON 47 tirs 1 Craft 7-11-0 W Humphreys Evens Allunor Rex. 6-4 Trubtion, 6-1 Monk's Mistalio, 20-1 Mer cury Moon, 33 1 others

4.25 GAY SHEPPARD MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY HUNTER CHASE

(Amateurs: £1,350: 3m 2f) (16) ATTRIBUTE: 21,4500: SIT 21) (10)

1 62UP ITS ALL VERY FIRE 11 (D.F.G.S) T Forster 11:12: (2)

8 Alters-Hankey (7)

2 61-4 SPARTAN CHIEF 17 (CD.F) Mrs G Jones 11:12: (3)

N. Lonnes (7) 2 61-4 SPARTAN CHIEF 17 (CD.F) Mir G Jones 11 12-10
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P2-3 CLONROCHE GAZETTE 15 (5) H Wheeler 12 12-3
H Wheeler (7)
P7-2 CREDIT CUT 11 F PAKANG 10 12-0
M HOUNGER (7)
P7-2 GALLIC PRINCE 449 (F.G.S) P Hobbs 13-12-0
M Houngan (7)
P3-3 GOOD WATERS 17 (G.S) W Warner 12 12-0
J Sharo (3)

12 20-2 RAISE AN ARGUMENT 7 (G,S) Mrs J Docker 13 12-0 13 53/ RIG STEEL 677 (F,G,S) J Bokovets 12:12-0

14 400- SAINT ACTON 352 (G.S) R Davis 11 120 R Davis (7) 15 FD-F SANBALLAT 18 (BF.C.F.G.S) D Nicholson 10 10 120 (Washington /7) 16 20P- SANDBROOK 348 D Shorey 8-120 5-2 Samballat, 5-1 Galtic Prince, 6-1 Guidway 8-1 Raise An Argument, 10-1 Ardesee, Rug Steel, 12-1 others

4.55 SWAN HANDICAP HURDLE

6 5052 AS GOOD AS GOLD 18 (G) G Balding 5-10-12
M Richards
7 4150 EMERALD SUNSET 14 (G) A Davison 7-10-8 8 06F4 SEA BUCK 11 (S) G Balding 6 104 S 9 JSP0 WHISKEY GRAIN 10 (F,G,S) G Ham 10 10 3

10 UFBR GLEN OAK 11 (G.S) J Roberts 7 10-1 W McFarrland
11 - P12 THREE LAKES 18 (F.S) S Grishins 8 10-0 P Holley
2 "7/00 CUIL EANN 68 (F) D Descon 7 10-0 I Shoomen
13 00/P MYNAH KEY 10 (S) P Datton 11-10-0 J Scopie (7)
14 0P32 HOPEFUL ALDA 11 (S) Mrs A King 7 10-0 M Lynch
15 -215 ACROW LINE 11 (D.BF.S) D Burchel 7 10-0

16 4640 COXANN 35 (C.G.S) J NacCouncetive 6 10-0 J P 17 64PU PORCELLO 120 (G.S) B Llewellyn 9 10-0 52 Crazy River, 3-1 As Good As Gold, 7-1 Run To Form, 12-1 Three Lakes, 14-1 See Buck, Printia, 16-1 others

3.30 LIVINGSTON NOVICES HANDICAP

1 5221 PORTAVOGE SO (CD.G.S) C Parker 8-11-10 B Storey 2 PO48 SPARK OF PEACE 4 (G.S) P Blockley 10-11-8 P Midgley (7) 3 3404 RAIKES RUSTLER 18 J Hugil 8-11-8 A Merrigan 4 1UP5 WHAAT FETTLE 14 (G.D) G Richards 7-11-8 M Melanare

Micloney
5 1050 CAROUSEL CALYPSO 8 (G.S) M Hammond 6-11-6
Mr S Lyona (7)
6 P024 RANDOM WARRIOR 14 (G) J Parkes 8-11-4

7 -PT3 MASIEN SALVER 18 (\$) L Lungo 10-11-1 T Reed 9 F405 ALL OVER THE WORLD 14 (F) J For 8-10-12 P Waggon 5-2 Portevogie, 9-2 Spark, Of Peace, 5-1 Master Cornet, 13-2 Wheat Fettle, 8-1 Carousel Calypso, 12-1 others.

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1 2121 MACARTHUR 32 (D.F.G.S) M W Essierby 7-12-0
P Mogley (7)
2 -05P PYJAMAS 48 (CD.F.G) G Richards 11-10-12
M Moloray
3 -P31 PANTOMIME PRINCE 98 (D.F.G) C Thomas 9-100

4 1122 LANDSKI 15 (CD,F,S) W Storey 9-10-0 ... K Doolan 5 2-10 LIGHTWATER AGAIN 18 (BF,D,G,S) M Hammond 6 8F06 MASTER SALESMAN 2 (CD,F,G) B Rottwell 9-10-0 9-10-0 B Storey

B Storey 13-8 Macarthur. 5-2 Pantomime Prince, 3-1 Landski, 13-2 Lightwater Again, 10-1 Pylamas, 33-1 Master Salesman

DIV II: £1,404* 2m) (8)

1 324 K-BRIGADE 14 (8,8F) W Elsey 7-11-8 . R Markey
2 2825 KEY DEAR 14 Mrs S Bradourne 5-11-8 P Williams (7)
3 40PP KIRSTY'S COMET 2 (V) Mrs L Perratt 6-11-8
L O'Hara
4 F4 LUCKY AGAIN 52 W A Signtenson 5-11-8 C Grant
5 0-00 CATTHMESS DAWN 113 C Parker 5-11-3 B Storey
6 4F60 MARIAN EVANS 40 T Crag 5-11-3 B Storey
7 BEACHOLME BOY 287F J Galen 4-10-12 D Poole (7)
7 FISHIN' TACKLE 283F L Lungo 4-10-12 F Perratt (7)
9 00 VALLEY OF TIME 4 P Montein 4-10-7 A Dobbin (7)
4 KBnoade, 2-1 Fishin' Tackle, 9-3 Lunbu Arams 6-3

7-4 K-Brigade, 2-1 Fishin' Tackle, 9-2 Lucky Again, 6-1 Kay Disar, 12-1 Valley Of Time, 16-1 Manan Evans, 20-1 others.

5.00 LINLITHGOW HANDICAP HURDLE

1 2558 MARLINGFORD 14 (G,S) Mrs J Jordan 5-12-0

M Sharrati (7)
2 0312 SOME DO NOT 37 (D.F.S) W Storey 8-11-0 K Doolan
3 2155 BURN BRIDGE 14 (B.CD.F) M Hammond 6-10-11

4 2/P- FERNANDO REYES 494 (F) P Spotkewood 7-10-0 B Storey 5 4FP0 FIEFDOM 8 (F.G.S) W Storey 12-10-0 K Johnson 6 68P- ZARBANO 303 8 Mactaggert 6-10-0. G Thornson (7)

Evens Marlangford, 7-4 Burn Bridge, 7-1 Some Do Not, 16-1 Fernando Reyes, 20-1 Fieldom, 50-1 Zarbano

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: C Trakler, 2 wanters from 4 runners, 50 0%, C Thornton, 5 from 17, 29 4%; J Fort, 2 from 8, 25 0%, C W Elsey, 2 from 8, 25 0%, Mrs G Reveley, 16 from 68, 23 5%, W Storey, 3 from 15, 20 0%.

JOCKEYS: C Grant. 16 winners from 68 ndes, 23 5%; K Johnson, 3 from 18, 16 7%, K Doolan, 3 from 22, 13 6%; R Marley, 5 from 41, 12.2%, T Reed, 5 from 41, 12 2%, (Only quastlern).

4.30 PORT SETON MAIDEN HURDLE

7 -P13 MASTER CORNET 49 (D,G) 8 Rothwell 7-11-3

4.00 BATHGATE HANDICAP CHASE

3 -P31 PANTOMIME PRINCE 95 (D.F.G) C Thornto

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MANDARIN

2.00 Wakashan. 2.30 Casile King. 3.00 Brocume Grey. 3.30 Portavogie. 4.00 Macarthur. 4.30 K-Brigade. 5.00 Burn Bridge.

THUNDERER

2.00 Wakasaan 2.30 Truely Royal 3.00 Broctune Grey. 3.30 Carousel Calypso. 4.00 Pantomime Prince. 4.30 Fishin' Tackle. 5.00 Martingford.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES ON HURDLES COURSE)

2.00 PORT SETON MAIDEN HURDLE

(Div I: £1,404: 2m) (10 runners) 6-4 Top-Anns, 7-4 Wakashan, 6-1 Fair Dare, 10-1 Elvett Bridge. 18-1 Another Fountain, 20-1 others

2.30 HADDINGTON MAIDEN CHASE (£1.834: 2m 4f) (13)

(£1.834: 2m 4f) (13)

1 08-0 ABITBLZARRE 134 C Parker 611-8... Mr A Parker (7)
2 5000 BISHOPS-PORD 7 N Waggott 6-11-6.... A Merrigan
3 3842 DICKE-S GIN 8 (8) J Wade 8-11-6... K Jones
4 008 GYR STAR 59 J O'Shea 7-11-6... K Jones
4 008 GYR STAR 59 J O'Shea 7-11-6... K Laach (7)
6 40PF RAIN MAN 8 M Hammond 7-11-6... Mr S Lyons (7)
7 0F-4 RAILLYE STRIPE 15 Mrs S Bremail 8-11-6 J O'Gorman
8 3-43 SILVER HELLO 8 Miss L Pernati 6-11-6... L O'Hara
9 02PF TRUELY ROYAL 18 J Chrarton 8-11-6... L O'Hara
10 44P- YOUNG FOOL 387 (V) C Smoth 8-11-6 ... B Storey
11 4U23 ZAM BEE 14 W Reed 6-11-6... T Reed
12 3000 LINN FALLS 51 G Richards 7-11-1... M Moloney
13 0022 CASTLE King 15 W A Stepherson 5-10-10 C Grant
5-2 Castle King, 7-2 Truely Royal 9-2 Okche's Gin, 6-1 Zam Bee,
10-1 Silver Hello, Prince Ceva, 12-1 Linn Falls, 18-1 others.

3.00 LONGNIDDRY CLAIMING HURDLE (£1.551: 3m) (11)

1 4212 BROCTUNE GREY 18 (C,G) C Tribler 6-11-9 ... W Dwan (7)
2 2311 BROCTUNE GREY 18 (C,D,F,G,S) Mrs G Reveley
8-11-6 R Hodge (5)
3 1121 TENTER CLOSE 150 (D,F,G) J D'Shee 6-11-6
4 /0-0 TREBONKERS 8 (C,D,F,S) Mes L Perratt 8-11-6 5 1434 VALIANT DASH 19 (C.D.F.G.S) S Kettlewell 5-11-5 5 1474 VALIANT DASH 19 (C.D.F.G.S) S Kettlewell 5-11-5 6 4R50 DAWN COYOTE 15 (D.S) Mrs S Bradburns 9-11-4 Mr J Bradburns

9 803- MONTAZ DANCER 415 N Waggott 9-10-10
Miss T Waggott (7) 10 0/6- CLONDROHID 263 (F,S) A Whatana 11-10-9 G Thomson (7) 97 /0-P WILLY MAC 54 J Decon 11-10-8 N Leach (7)

7-4 Broctune Grey. 9-4 Tenter Close, 9-2 Vallant Dash, 5-1 Beaumood 14-1 Secret Finals, 20-1 others

Jinxy Jack JINXY Jack won Kelso's Morebattle Hurdle for the third year in succession yesterday when beating Precious

Kelso treble for

Boy by a head.

The eight-year-old completed an 812-1 treble for Gordon Richards and Neale Doughry, who were earlier successful with Cliffalda in the novice chase and Preoblakensky in

the novice hurdle.





A Advert The state of $\gamma < \gamma_{2i,\gamma}$ BETTING: 13-8 Song Of Stepence, 100-30 Flown, 9-2 First Avenue, Santansy, 10-1 Bankroll, 20-1 Conjuner 1991: GRANVILLE AGAIN 5-11-3 P Scudamore (11-4) M Pipe 14 ran Take Li 77 45 2.30 EMBLEM CHASE (25,030: 2m) (2 runners) - 4. by 7 2 72 53 BETTING: 8-13 Young Snugfit, 6-5 Master Reft. 1991: MASTER RAJH 7-11-4 M Lynch (8-11 fav) J Chugg 3 ran ** -: \$\frac{\partial}{\partial}\$ 3.00 TOTE PLACEPOT HURDLE 1.50 (Grade II: 4-Y-O: £9,740: 2m) (8 runners) (GISGE II: 4-Y-U: 121,74U: 2TI) (8 TURRETS) 301 1121 NONE 30 BRAVE 15 (D,F,G) (A Spence) R Alvehurst 11-6 JOsborne 302 511 CANNY CHRONICLE 35 (D,G) (Newcestle Evering Chronicle) M Tompkins 11-2 R Campbell 303 1 HASHAR 36 (CD,F) (W Brown) D Elevorth 10-12 G Bradley 304 213118 HESH GRADE 15 (D,G) (Unster Orders Racing II) S Dow 10-12 H Devies 305 61406 MADRAJ 16 (B,D,F) (P Sted) R Balter 10-12 N Colorsen 306 51 MANZOOR SAYADAN 7 (D,G) (Derfean Recry) R Simpson 10-12 D Callegine 307 32 PHARLY STORY 16 (BF) (A Lomas) M Pipe 10-12 P Sociationore 308 2611 CUALITAIR SOUND 5 (D,G) (P Bottomley) J Botterriey 10-12 J J Calnin BETTING: 15-8 Canny Chronicle, 2-1 None So Brave, 7-2 Harsiar, 10-1 Manzoor Seyedan, 14-1 others. 1891: MARL UNGFORD 10-12 D Mersin (20-1) Nets J Jorden 7 ren 7.7 1.172 601 1631-51 FLOYD 17 (CD,F,G.S) (D Elsworth) D Elsworth 12-11-12 ________ G Bradley 83 602 110-111 CAB ON YARGET 53 (D,G.S) (J Murray) Mrs G Reveloy 5-11-9 ______ P Niven 99 603 5/35003 FOREST SUN 21 (C.F.G.S) (Alchael Jackson Bloodstock Ltd) G Balding 7-11-5 ____ Frost 93 604 453-502 HOLY JOE 21 (S) (T Pfikington) A J Wilson 10-11-5 _____ J Oeborne 805 213F-P5 PRAGADA 91 (CD,G.S) (Alra M McGlone) M Pope 9-11-5 _____ P Scudamore 92 606 160-320 SECRET FOUR 21 (F,G.S) (Mrs J Sturge) R Akehursi 6-11-5 _____ L Harvey 96 1991: MARILINGFORD 10-12 D Morria (20-1) Mrs J Jordan 7 rad FORM FOCUS NONE SO BRAVE best Dubarrs 1/1 m s 7-runner novice hurdle at Newbury (2m 100yd, good), with HIGH GRADE 33'hi 8th. CANNY CHRONCLE understallenged, best Master Of Troy 15th a 6-runner novice hurdle at Warwick (2m, good), Previously, 19/15 fm of 17 to Good Profile in a novice hurdle st Wetherby (2m, good) to soft), with QUALITAIR SOUND completed a double when SOUND (4fb better off) 4f 8th. HASHAR best Green's Van Goyen 4f m a 9-runner novice hurdle, selection: NONE SO BRAVE FLOYO gamely beat Crystal Spirit a neck in a 4runner hurdle at Aecot (3m, good to firm). CAB ON TARGET driven out, beat winner The Witch a shout head in a 5-runner hurdle at Chellenham (2m 44, good). Previously, beat Burgoyna 1/4 in the grade it Newbork to good to firm). CAB ON TARGET driven out, beat winner The Witch a shout BT Tote Jackpot Handicap Hurdle at Sandown (2m 5/ Fynd, good), with SECRET FOUR (14th better off) 16 9th 3.35 MITSUBISHI SHOGUN GALLOWAY BRAES TROPHY A CONTRACTOR ASSESSMENT NOVICES CHASE (Grade II: £8,180: 2m 4f) (7 runners) (##\) BETTING: 7-4 Tanyland, 4-1 Deadly Charm, Ninectus, 7-1 Book Of Gold, Logemimo, 12-1 Midfielder, 20-1 Man On The Line 1991: REMITTANCE MAN 7-11-7 R Durwoody (100-30).N Henderson 8 ran FORM FOCUS BOOK OF GOLD 2I 2nd of 11 to Ryde Again in a nowce chase at Lexcester (2m 4l, good), with TNRYLAND 1094 4th. LOGANIMO pushed out, best Landski (received 16tb) 19b in a 5-namer hand-cap chase at Sadgefield (2m 4l, good) MAN ON THE LINE's best eitort was when 22 and of 14 to Norman Conqueror in a novice chase, over course and distance (good to soft) NINEOFUS best First Lord 15b in a poor 8-numer novice chase at Catterick (Sm 110yd, good), TINRYLAND 2I 2nd of 4 to Young Pokey in a valuable novice chase at Ascot (2m, good to Im 9 and 10 art of 9 to Bradbury Star in the grade 15 Selection: Deadly Chase at Sandown 2m 4f 89d, good to firm). Previously, 3tl 2nd of 7 to Fragmatic Lord 15b in a poor 8-numer novice chase at Catterick TO NEW YORK STAR COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS Winners Runners Percent JOCKEYS Winners

R O'Sulivan 3 8 50.0 D O'Sulivan 3 8 37.5 S Sherwood 3 8 37.5 R Durwoody 24 124 19.4 O Sherwood 17 69 24.8 J Osborne 15 81 18.5 T Forster 4 17 23.5 J Frost 7 40 17.5 D Elsworth 18 81 22.2 P Scademore 13 81 16.0 M Pipe 11 50 22.0 8 Powelf 11 90 12.2	☐ Flight Lieutenant, Philip Mitchell's American Triple Crown entry, will be out to atone for a recent defeat when he contests the £11.305 Prix Policeman (1 m 2f) at Cagnes tomorrow. The British raider looked in need of the race when a close fifth at the course ten days ago.
MANDARIN THUNDERER 2.15 Royal Standard. 2.15 Hypnotist. 2.45 Azusa. 2.45 Damers Cavalry. 3.20 Wake Up. 3.50 Austhorpe Sunset. 4.25 Welsh Bard. 4.55 King Of The Lot. THUNDERER 2.15 Hypnotist. 2.45 Damers Cavalry. 3.20 Barge Boy. 3.50 Sprowston Boy. 4.25 Bounden Duty. 4.55 Vulrory's Clown.	3.50 LIGHT INFANTRY PLATE HANDICAP HURDLE (f2,880: 3m 122yd) (11 runners) 1 22P/4-01 SPROWSTON BOY 8 (D.G.S) (G Whiting) Miss L Perratt 9-11-10
GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS 2.15 FLAMBOROUGH HEAD NOVICES HURDLE (£2,042: 2m 4f) (9 runners)	Long handicap: Royal Charge 9-11, Druso 9-1 BETTING: 5-2 Sprowston Boy, 7-2 Giantorn, 9-2 Negatory, 6-1 Volcanic Dancer, 8-1 Austhorpe Sunset, 10-1 Premier Princess, 12-1 Royal Charge, 16-1 others. 1991: THAMESDOWN TOOTSIE 6-10-1 D Byrne (7-1) A James 9 ran
1 0-P1303 LISA ROSA 12 (3) (Guiberta Animal Feed Products) Mise S Written 5-11-7	4.25 ILKLEY MOOR NOVICES CHASE (£2,380: 2m 150yd) (8 runners) 1. 35-4801 ALAN BALL 32 (B.D.G) (Galberts Animal Fead Products) Miss S Witten 8-11-10 T Bay (7) 71 2. 13022-1 BOUNDEN DUTY 19 (D.F.G) (Mrs. J. Siften) G. Harwood 6-11-10 M. Perrett. 84 3. 4F4124 WELSH BARD 8 (B.D.G.S) (Mrs. G. Abecassin) C Brooks 8-11-10 G. McCourt. 999 4. 000-6F. ENSHARP 16 (Mrs. J. Golfings.) J. Leigh 6-11-4 G. McCourt. 999 5. 414/10 HOLDENBY 58 (D.F.G.S) (D. Bowker) Jimpy Fitzgerald 7-11-4 D. Byrme 6. 0P-03F3 ITYFUL 53 (D Lennon) B Wildenson 8-11-4 D. Bentley (7) 73 7. 0SP304 ROYALIST 15 (7 Dawson) Miss J. Barclay 6-11-4 A. Mulfioliand — 8. PP BIRDEECE 11 (B) (Mrs. P. Morgan) Mrs. P. Morgan 8-10-13 BETTING: 5-4 Bounden Duty, 9-2 Weigh Bard, 5-1 Alan Beil, 7-1 Holdenby, 10-1 ltyful 18-1 Royalist, 20-1 Ensharp, 66-1 Birdence.
2.45 GRIMTHORPE HANDICAP CHASE (£3,392: 3m 2f) (5 runners) 1 550404 TARTAN TAILOR 8 (F,Q.S) (Edinburgh Weoten Mil Ltd) G Richards 11-11-13 N Doughty 97 2 321/211- GOLDEN FOX 473 (B,F.G) (Mirs K Lyone) G Enright 10-11-4 M Perrett 89 3 21-F15F SMOOTH ESCORT 11 (D,Q.3) (A 8udge (Equine) Ltd) Mirs D Haine 8-11-0 N Williamson 96 4 F-523U3 DAMERS CAVALRY 22 (B,CD,BF,F.G) (Mirs Shields) R Les 9-10-10 Mir P McLoughlin (7) 98 5 143F31 AZUSA 14 (F,G) (B Kennedy) M Hammond 9-10-0 D Bentley (7) 97	1981: MY YOUNG MAN 6-11-10 J Osborne (8-13 fev) C Brooks 6 ran 4.55 HIGH MELTON HANDICAP CHASE (£2,956: 2m 4f) (3 runners) 1 \$23615 SWORD BEACH 43 (D.BF.F.G.S) (Mrs S Mason) M H Easterby 8-12-0 L Wyer 91 2 3/F-2311 KING OF THE LOT 19 (CD.G.8) (Ms) R Yule) D Nicholson 9-11-11

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	11750. 7 ~	1991: MIRAGE DAY 8-11-2 N Williamson (5-2) J Edwards 5 ran	
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J .	2U P	PRINCESS ROYAL HANDICAP HURDLE (52,872: 2m 150yd) (5 runners)	
1	51FFF0	ELDER PRINCE 7 (D.F.S) (W Prett) M H Easterby 6-12-0 1, McBaney (7) 93	
2	143112	WAKE UP 9 (D.F.G.S) (Mrs J Ward) R O'Leary 5-10-10 L Wyer 97	,

3 R13-121 BARGE BOY 56 (D,F,6) (C House) J Ckf 8-10-10								
COURSE SPECIALISTS								
TRAINERS R Lee C Brooks Jimmy Fitzgerald M H Fasterby	Winners . 6 . 3 . 7 . 5	Runners 18 11 38 30	Per cent 33.3 27.3 18.4 16.7	JOCKEYS N Williamson G McCourt D Byrne S Turner	Winners 3 7 4 3	Rides 10 30 29 24	Per cent 30.0 23.3 - 13.8 12.5	

(Only qualifiers)



Beck Claiming Stakes at Southwell success on the turf, gained his first all-yesterday.

The five-year-old has been beset by back problems but Colin Tinkler Houghton Maiden Stakes.

decided he was worth a chance and purchased him for Stephen Astaire

Despite the booking of Walter Swinburn, Native Idol drifted in the

for 4,600 guineas at the Newmarket | market from 5-4 to 4-1. The combi-

Trained by Tommy Stack for furlongs out and strode clear to beat

Robert Sangster last season. Battle | Qualitair Idol by seven lengths.

James Fanshawe, no stranger to

nation took up the running two

odds laid on Euroblake in the Maple

The warning bells are ringing for a new look at British performances on ice and snow

Coaches needed to improve winter standards

La Plagne: The cowbells of Switzerland and Austria were echoing around the mountaintops here yesterday as their respective four-man bobsleigh teams, with the two of Germany and Canada I, occupied the front seven places of the grid for the third and fourth runs today.

The Winter Olympic medal aspirations of Britain had evaporated, between dinner on Thursday and late breakfast on Friday, in a puff of comparative anonymity.

Driving errors by Mark Tout, who had a misted visor on the first run, left Britain's No. 1 sled lying tenth — albeit only 0.84 sec behind the formidable Wolfgang Hoppe, of Germany, in first place — and Nick Phipps's No. 2 sled placed thirteenth. Tout will require extraordinary enterprise and good fortune today to overhaul seven highly honed rivals for a medal.

Wilf O'Reilly, in the short track skating semi-final on Thursday, suffered the legiti-mate arrows of his cut-throat sport. Tout, sadly and simply, under-performed. Britain is not, by Olympic standards, a natural winter sports nation. To succeed, it is necessary either to produce performers of exceptional talent, such as Curry, Cousins or Torvill and Dean, or to have competitors with maximum application who deliver under extreme pressure. This does not necessarily mean medals, as in the case of Martin Bell the last time, or Michael Dixon's biathlon twelfth place this

In this latter category, on the day. O'Reilly and Tout failed in differing ways, both technically: O'Reilly because of a fraction of a second of inattentiveness, Tout because, I suspect, his nerve briefly betrayed him.

We in the media should not be unduly critical, because we played our part, in genuine

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enthusiasm, in helping build public expectation. Neither O'Reilly nor Tout and his crew of George Farrell, Paul Field and Lenny Paul are any the less outstanding because they fell short of that expectation. This is an age of intense specialisation, not the good of amateur era of Nash and Dixon, bobsleigh gold medal-winners of 1964.

Of course, we British tend to be subjective and chauvinistic about sport. Most people are. That is part of the pleasure; sport panders to our subjective self-esteem. I vividly recall, when working for another newspaper, the elimination of England by Brazil in the World Cup football quarter-final of 1962; and, upon requesting from Santia-go in Chile an allocation of 1,000 words for a review feature, receiving the cryptic telex response: "World Cup now dead — send 400".

The Times being a newspaper of international per-

spective, I shall continue filing for another day or two. When it comes to chauvin-ism, it has to be said, you cannot surpass the French. The newspaper and television coverage has almost exceeded that of ABC Television at the Los Angeles Summer Games for its introspection. The French competitor in fourth, seventh or twelfth place occupies more attention than many foreign medal-winners. As for French medal-winners. you would suppose Napoleon had been reincarnated.

Britain's significant contribution to the second half of the Winter Olympics has been, in the open opinion of many Europeans playing or working here, the victories of England on the rugby and football fields; a kind of Alka Seltzer for French intoxication. A delegation from Bar-

celona in the cafeteria of the main press centre was little short of holding a celebration of French failure the other day - in the most courteous manner, of course.

The British Olympic Association has some hard calculations to make before the debriefing with winter sports governing bodies at the end March. On the one hand, while individual governing. bodies look for more places in the tearn, reality suggests that between 10 and 15 per cent of the tearn of 56 did not deserve to be in Savoie.

"There were some disap pointments, including at the lower level," Dick Palmer, chef de mission, said yesterday. "The level of competition is very high, and we must look again at standards required to achieve reasonable performances at the next Games at Lillehammer in two years'

The dilemma for Britain is that higher standards will not be achieved by a greater vol-ume of sponsorship or train-ing, but by better coaching, so that more expenditure should first be made on coaches rath-

er than on competitors.

We cannot, I fear, expect too much from the minister of sport, who seems not to recog-nise that he is junior minister in one of the world's older democracies. His invitation to the press this week, which excluded those who have been bold enough to be rude about him — and boycotted by all the rest — has left Robert Atkins in a far worse light than any unsuccessful competitor. Mark Tout, however, was, as usual, prepared to meet everyone. He conceded that his own errors had contributed to the gap behind the leaders. Undaunted he said: "The winner in the two-man bob came from tenth place overnight, so there's no reason why we shouldn't



The leader on the board: Kristi Yamaguchi, of the United States, ahead after the first night, practises her routine for the women's free programme

RUGBY LEAGUE

Holders looking vulnerable in trip to St Helens

By KEITH MACKLIN

VAST sighs of relief were heard throughout the game when St Helens v Wigan came out of the little bag in the draw for the Silk Cur Challenge Cup quarter-finals. It meant that the six remaining clubs did not have to play either of the joint favourites, and that the public at large would be spared a third Wembley final between the two in four seasons.

The tie will be played this afternoon for the benefit of the BBC Grandstand programme, with the remaining three matches played tomorrow. Wigan, the immovable object, are seeking their 23rd successive Challenge Cup victory, while St Helens grieve over the fact that they have not beaten their old neighbours and rivals in a Challenge Cup tie since 1977. This grim record includes the 1989 and 1991 Wembley finals, in which the Saints performed so abysmally that Wigan had the trophy won in the opening minutes.

Nevertheless, both camps believe that this afternoon's game presents St Helens with golden opportunity to top-ole Wigan, and win the grateful thanks of every other club still in the competition. This confidence is based on two undisputed facts. First, that the Saints under their New Zealand coach, Mike McClennan, are playing their best rugby for more than a decade and are the current leaders of the Stones Bitter championship. Second. the Saints have already inflicted a heavy defeat on Wigan this season, a thoroughly deserved 28-16 semi-final win in the Lancashire Cup.

Significantly, that victory was on St Helens's home ground at Knowsley Road. and home advantage could just tilt the game today. The international forward. Kevin Ward, returns for Saints, and the Wigan scrum half and matchwinner, Andy Gregory had a fitness test yesterday afternoon and will play.

Castleford should not un derestimate the giant-killing history and potential of their neighbours. Featherstone Rovers, in tomorrow's game Halifax and Bradford North ern, and their respective coaches Roger Millward and Peter Fox, will have an intriguing battle at Thrum Hall and the Cumbrian second division outsiders. Working ton Town, may find Hull's first division power too much to allow another giant-killing

GOLF

Evans continues to make impact

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

GARY Evans was determined not to be overawed by his illustrious colleagues when he turned professional this season. Some chance. After the second round of the Tenerife Open yesterday, it seems it is they who have

something to fear. The former Walker Cup player, aged 22, shot a 68 at Golf del Sur to finish five-under par overall, one off the early pace set by the Austra-

Evans missed four putts from within a yard or so on his homeward nine, and allowed two bogeys to spoil his card over the last three holes. it could have been so much better," he said.

Evans, who finished second in Malaga last week and has already pocketed £35,430, said: "My secret has been not

to be overawed by the other players because that could spoil my natural game. It was difficult today because of the wind.

Miguel Martin took a oneshot lead over Lonard with a second round of 68.

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148: D Gilford, 80, 69; C Rocca (it), 75, 74; M Calero (Sp), 76, 73; K Watera, 75, 74; S Luna (Sp), 77, 72; R Drummond, 74, 75; R Claydon, 77, 72; J Carriles (Sp), 77, 72; C Gilles, 75, 74; A Karikkonen (Fin), 80, 69.

Watson strikes form

La Jolla, California: There is life left in the master yet. Tom Warson yesterday shot one of his lowest rounds in a decade, equalling the course record with a 63, to share the lead after the first round of the Buick Invitational tournament here. Brad Faxon and Robert

Wrenn also shot 63s, but Watson's nine-under-par round came at the more difficult of the two courses at Torrey Pines Golf Club, the South Course, which, at 7,000 yards, is more than 400 yards longer than the North Course, where Wrenn and Faxon played. (Reuter)

boost to Italian hopes Stefania Lyubov Egorova, who fin-ay set the ished second, 21.9sec behind.

Belmondo gives added

Belmondo yesterday set the scene for Alberto Tomba's attempt for further glory when she became the first Italian woman to win an Olympic cross-country skiing

Her fellow-countryman will try to complete an unprecedented Olympic double today when he defends his special stalom crown, having already become the first competitor to retain an Alpine skiing title.

Belmondo, who won the silver medal in the 10km cross country last Saturday, triumphed in the first women's Olympic 30km race. Aged 23, she set a tremendous pace that nobody could match, not even the Russian triple gold medal winner.

"I set off very hard and just kept going the best I could,"

Wolfgang Hoppe is on course for a third Olympic bobsleigh title. The former east German, who won two golds in Sarajevo in 1984, led his four-man team into first place at the halfway

Egorova's two silver medals — she was runner-up in the Skm — and three golds were the biggest individual haul at these Games. She can add to that tally at Lillehammer when she will be 27. The 30km world champion won the 10km and 15km individual races and shared in the

stage. (AFP)

Belmondo said.

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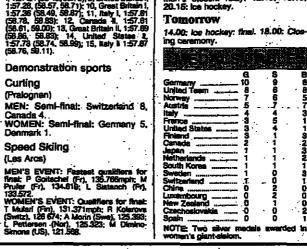
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Demonstration sports



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Tomorrow

FROM RICHARD STREETON IN HAMILTON, BERMUDA

HEAVY overnight rain has made it certain that the first two 50-over games of the England A tour this weekend will be played on damp, slow pitches. The small size of the Somerset-club ground, where both matches will take place, should ensure high scoring. though, and more than a thousand runs came last

row and too much significance should not be read into the selected tearns.

muda National XI tomorrow.

land strike bowler, who has not yet risked bowling at full pace this week on net surfaces that have been slightly wet, will use the new ball today with Munton, who has always looked sharp. Watkin and Croft, the off spinner, complete the main attack.

Stephenson and Thorpe are expected to share the fifth bowling role. Stephenson's medium pace bowling is often underestimated but he

ways at practice. Pick has already bowled off his full run at the nets and plays tomor-row when England include five main bowlers against Bermuda.

will be the prime requisites in both matches against oppo-nents whose main instincts are to play strokes. England's practices have been slightly limited by the

Containment and accuracy

damp conditions but Keith Fletcher, the team manager, believes the players are ready. "You cannot beat cricket in the middle. Any shortcom-

ings we might have had have

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offer prize-money of £115,150 for the 21st year of the Benson and Hedges Cup. The winners will receive £27,500 and the losing final**BADMINTON**

Smith lifts England

PETER Smith made a memorable England debut when he clinched the men's team's place in the European zone semi-finals of the Thomas Cup world team championships at Den Bosch in The Netherlands yesterday (Richard Eaton writes).

His 15-0, 15-3 victory over Alistair Gatt gave England a 3-0 winning lead over Scot-land, his side's third win in

the competition. Earlier, Smith's wife, Fiona Smith, the Commonwealth champion, saw her Czechoslovak opponent, Jitka Lacinova, injure a knee at the end of the first rally in their Uber Cup match, only to be ordered by her team manager to contin-ue. She retired after losing all 11 points of the first game. England won 5-0, their sec-ond victory.

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NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Witton hold no fears for ebullient Wilson

By Walter Gammie

PHIL Wilson, the Stalybridge Ceitic manager, has played in three FA Trophy finals, with Mossley and Northwich Victoria, and seven semi-finals. Today he takes his side, which heads the HFS Loans League, into a third-round match at Witton Albion, of the GM Vauxhall

Conference.
"The Trophy has played a big part in my career," Wilson said. "It has been the competition in which the sides I have played for have excelled." With aways wins at Altrincham and Harrow Borough under their belt. Staly-bridge, one of three HFS sides preventing a Conference monopoly of the last 16. have already shown signs that Wilson's Trophy touch has

rubbed off.
"We will be without John Aspinall, our sweeper, who has been a key figure in our success," Wilson said, "but we had a 7-0 win over Goole Town in midweek and confidence is running high." Four of Stalybridge's goals were scored by Chris Camden, two from the penalty spot, to take his tally for the season to 37

from 31 League matches. Wilson rates as "difficult" Morecambe's task at Colchester United. Morecambe's lingering hopes of the League title disappeared after a goal-less draw at home to Stalybridge last Saturday, but they

can take comfort from a form line that leads from their second-round victory over Welling United to Colchester, the Conference leaders, who were surprisingly beaten 4-1 by the

Kent team last Saturday. Wilson also takes Marine unbeaten at home in 27 matches, to beat Kettering Town. His view is supported by Tom Culshaw, the Marine chairman. "It is eight years since we got to the semi-finals and lost to Northwich, so we've had a few lean years. but we feel we now have a team that is as good as, if not better than, the 1983-4 team," he said.

Culshaw, who has been at

Marine since joining as a player in 1954, accepts that they will not be able to take up promotion should they overhaul Stalybridge because speciators can only be housed on three sides of Bossett Park on three sides of Rossett Park. "Whatever happened to find-ing your own level in non-League football?" Culshaw said. "I think it's wrong for the Conference to say that clubs should have grounds up to Football League standard. We haven't the slightest intention of doing that. We could not live five miles away from Everton and Liverpool. with Tranmere not far away as well. Southport is a case in point; they couldn't live with it and came out of the Foot-

bali League."

SQUASH RACKETS

Wounded pride is at stake

BY COLIN MCQUILLAN

MARTINE Le Moignan, the England No. 1, is in Cardiff this week determined to de-fend her professional reput-ation. Deprived of her British championship crown last month, slightly injured and badly beaten in a vital league match earlier this week by Cassandra Jackman, the world junior champion, she forced herself into the first round of the Leekes Weish Classic and defeated Lucy Soutter 17-14, 15-6, 15-4. "At times like this you just have to lay it on the line." Le

Moignan said. "I was bitterly disappointed losing my Brit-ish title and went into some heavy weight training to strengthen my racket swing. "Instead I managed to pick up a 'golfer's elbow' that inhibits my quick racketwork. Losing to Cassie for the first time was depressing and I was seriously tempted to duck

out of this event to avoid more

punishment." Le Moignan, who started tentatively against Soutter, will find her way to a classic final — likely to contain the world champion, Susan Devoy - barred by two Australians, Michelle Martin and Robyn Lambourne, both of whom struggled to overcome lower ranked first round opponents.

CRICKET Malcolm is selected

for opening game has swung the ball freely both

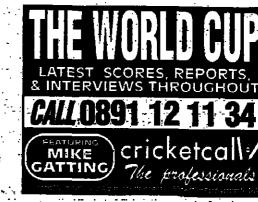
weekend when Bermuda held two trial matches at the same Every England player gets a game either today or tomor-

With four opening batsmen in the party. Bicknell is given the first opportunity to partner Moxon today against the Bermuda Board's President's XI with Stephenson at No. 3. Morris will open the innings with Moxon against the Ber-

Malcolm, the main Eng-

been offset by the preparations we were able to do in England before leaving," he

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Shreeves a dab hand with limited resources



NOT that it ever does them much good, but most managers who are feeling the heat at least have the satisfaction of knowing that they are doing the job better than anybody in the boardroom probably could. In Peter Shreeves's case, that is open to question.

Neither can it ease the pressure of expectancy when your chairman, or chief executive in the case of Terry Venables, carried off the FA Cup in the preceding season. The situation does have its advantages, hówever, since the Tottenham Hotspur co-owner is appreciative in a way that few others can be of the difficulties with which Shreeves has had to contend.

In a game where, as Shreeves said, "you have to make changes just to stand still", the financially hamstrung Tottenham team manager has had to struggle on with the same modest squad that excelled last season, minus the incomparable Paul Gascoigne, the world's most famous invalid.

Fortunately for Tottenham, Shreeves is a dab hand with the Polyfilla and he has been able to mask the deficiencies. Some astute tactical selections have been primarily responsible for the club reaching the advanced stages of two important cup competitions.

Such progress - not to mention the prospect of greater glory to come — in the circumstances, was ill-deserving of demands by the crowd for Shreeves's dismissal after last Sunday's loss to Crystal Palace, albeit their ninth at home this

Shreeves has been long

worst home run since 1974-5 when relegation was only narrowly avoided. If nothing

else, it would be the worst **ENEWHITE** possible preparation for the second leg of the Rumenough in the game and belows Cup semi-final the long enough in the demandfollowing Sunday against Nottingham Forest, the ing environment of White Hart Lane (this is his thiraway day experts. Three teenth year and his second days later, Tottenham play

your own supporters.
It is not just for the sake of his own popularity that Tottenham need to put things right at home. The success or otherwise of their season will be largely dependent on what they do, particuarly at home, in the space of the next 11 days. Today's visit of Arsenal is of more than mere parochia significance. Another defeat would equal Tottenham's

After all that went on last Feyenoord in Rotterdam in the first leg of their Cup

Winners' Cup quarter-final. The Tottenham side has, subconsciously at least, been picking and choosing its games. "My job is to motivate people for every game but I've always found that the best form of motivation is what I call the selfstarter," Shreeves said. "I've dealt with lots of those type of players and they're the ones you want. Maybe we don't have enough of them. Our lack of resolve has been

a big disappointment to me.

game is concerned, that

"As far as the Arsenal

week it's not a bad time to be playing them. It will be a big house and, all right, the fans might not be happy

shouldn't be a problem.

with me but they'll get behind the team, I'm certain. letting me down, I just feel certain things have worked against us. My front two have suddenly gone off the

"I don't feel the boys are

have the surgical pins re-

moved in two weeks' time.

Gascoigne's tryout PAUL Gascoigne, the Tot-tenham and England midfield player, played his first football yesterday since

damaging his knee in the FA Cup final last May. Gascoigne, who has had two operations, including the insertion of pins in the

knee, took part in a five-a-

boil as far as goals are concerned and we haven't scored from midfield all season. That has made things difficult since nearly all our defeats have been by the odd goal."

Outwardly, Shreeves remains unflustered while the storm gathers around him, though he confesses to feel-

is not referring to his own, or even Venables'. "I know that ing the pressure no less than he did in his first stint with

if I am not mistaken, will be playing in the first team a year or two from now," he training ground. Peter Shreeves, the manager, said: "On today's evidence, he could be ready for a controlled [no tackling] 1]a-side training game in 21 to 28 days." Gascoigne is to

The temptation, when things are not going well is to throw them in sooner than one would like. The promotion to the senior squad today of Nicky Barmby, an England youth team forward, should be a spur to others.

Souness suffers another blow as problems mount at Anfield

Injury forces Jones onto Liverpool's casualty list

BY CLIVE WHITE

Shreeves: pressured

ENGLAND'S gain turned out to be Liverpool's loss yesterday when Rob Jones, the young right back who looked the answer to his country's prayers at Wembley on Wednesday, pulled out of today's match against Norwich City at Carrow Road with an injury which also threatens to keep him out of the first leg of

nake impati the Uefa Cup quarter-final against Genoa on March 4. The injury crisis as Liverpool is approaching epidemic proportions, as Graeme Souness, the manager, reluctantly conceded yesterday. "The season is reaching a critical stage and unfortunately our injury problems are now worse than they have ever been," he said. This at a club who in Souness's playing days refused to even acknowl-

edge the existence of injury. Jones's complaint has been described as a calf injury, though rumours persist that it could be an Achilles tendon injury, an ailment with which

Aston Villa v Oldham

By necessity, Oldham must make one change tollowing the sale of Barrett to the opposition on Thursday; Fleming is the man most likely to profit from the departure. Milligan, who has missed three games with beck and ankle injuries, returns to the squad. Barrett was not signed in time to face his former colleagues and there is a doubt

colleagues and there is a doubt whether Yorke or Daley will be

however, are fit after withdrawing from the Republic of Ireland squad in midweek. Kubicki is suspended.

qual after a throat infection.
Sutton, his opposite number, is set
to join Luton on a permanent
basis which ought to give the
Bedfordshire club heart in its

relegation struggle. A 5300,000 fee has been agreed with Nottingham Forest. Teller has not

recovered from a foot injury so Cakes may deputise. "What we want is Christmas to come all

over again — another three wins," David Pleat, the Luton

Parker returns for United but it

is in attack where the League leaders need more input,

Manchester Utd v C Palace

tional, returns to the United

Luton v Sheffield Utd Tracey, the would-be Ireland

Liverpool are all too familiar this season. If it is, Jones would be out for a lot longer

than the estimated three He joins a casualty list which remains as extensive as it was at the beginning of the season, even if some of the names on it have changed. The list now includes Barnes, Whelan, Molby, Thomas, Tanner and, in all probability, Nicol, too. Burrows is suspended today just for good

If the injury is as bad as feared it could seriously interrupt Jones's international career, which had such a splendid start against the French. He has turned out to be Souness's most inspired signing, even if the £300,000 paid to Crewe Alexandra turned out to be merely a downpayment.

The fourth division club received an extra £150,000 after Jones completed 20 first-team appearances, and the overall cost is more likely to end up as £650,000 as the

doubtful for Palace with a

Norwich v Liverpool

hamstring injury and Southgate stands by. Shaw is fit again after a five-month lay-off.

Liverpool's injury problems seem never-ending. Now Jones, the successful England debutant, is ruled out with a calf

strain and joins a growing casualty list. The replacements include Hysen, Kozma, who starts his first league game, and Hutchison, a midfield player who scored a hat-trick for the

reserves in midweek. Norwich are unchanged as well they might be after ending a barren spell with a 3-0 win over Notts County in the FA Cup.

Notim Forest v Chelsea

Forest intend to set about improving their league position which has deteriorated due to their heavy involvement in cup competitions. Forest, in pursuit of three Wembley finals, will be unchanged even though Charles has recovered from injury. Tiler joins him on the sidelines. Chelsea, almost certainly without Townsend, Jones and Le Saux, will do well to avoid a similarly humiliating defeat to last

Forest intend to set about

humiliating defeat to last season's 7-1 reverse.

QPR v Notts County

Ferdinand, the exciting young Rangers' striker, attempts to p

his season back on the rails

atter suffering a broken jaw, knee and ankle injuries. In the continued absence of Thompson

and Bailey, his return is welcomed by a team without a win in six games. Draper is likely to

Sources's refusal to surrender all hope in the championship race smacks of Custer's last stand in the circumstances. The Indian braves, as represented by Manchester United, are a picture of health by comparison to Liverpool's weary troops. United have had a two-week respite from the usual grind of League duty and Alex Ferguson, their manager, expects to see some benefit against Crystal Palace at Old

Trafford. United have not scored more than one goal in a League game since hitting Oldham Athletic for six on Boxing Day, but it is the absence of Steve Bruce from defence which has been causing some disquiet throughout the side. United have not been built to score goals this

"The break has been a blessing," Ferguson said. "I expect to see a spring in our step now. We are in the home

step down following a family bersevement while Dryden, a summer signing from Exeter, can establish himself in the County side in the absence of Parls, who

Sheffield Wed v West Ham

All eyes on Wednesday's powers of resilience, it would help

week's 7-1 drubbing at Arsenal If Pearson and Harkes, who both had the good fortune to miss that

game, recover from eye and loot injuries, respectively. Hyde hopes to be able to play with a plaster cast on an injured hand.

Southampton v Coventry

involvement cannot be too strongly underlined in an importa game for both sides. Adams will be unable to face his former club because of a thigh strain which will keep him for three wee but believe in sursible after.

injury and suspension. Pearce returns to the squad after

Tottenham v Arsenal

Mabbutt, the Tottenham captain and a diabetic, has recovered after collapsing in midweek from of an insulin

mbalance. Also included in the squad is Barmby, an England

ATHLETICS

breaking a toe but not to the team with whom Don Howe keeps faith after clean sheets against Crystal Palace and Liverpool.

The need for Southampton to put aside all thoughts of cup

powers of residence, it would in them to bounce back from last

has ruptured knee tendons. Turner is suspended.

young man graduates at a straight with 15 games to go. They are all like cup finals but our record in finals isn't

spell at the club) to appreci-

ate how important it is to be

seen to be succeeding by

Paul Parker, the versatile England defender, returns after a hamstring injury to play alongside Gary Pallister in central defence. It may be a position that he will need to concentrate on following the emergence of Jones.

© The Leyton Orient winger,

Greg Berry, ended specula-tion about his future last night when he signed a new two-year contract. Berry, aged 20, has been watched by Aston Villa, Tottenham, Oueen's Park Rangers and Southampton in recent

☐ Arsenal take a fullstrength side to Underhill next Saturday to play a testimonial for the Barnet manager, Barry Fry. Arsenal's scheduled home game has been postponed because Nottingham Forest play at Tottenham on the Sunday in the Rumbelows Cup semi-final

youth international, who has scored seven goals in ten games for the youth team, interest in the Arsenal selection centres around whether and where Campbell, who lit the blue touch game to lest week? 2.1

Wimbledon v Man City

Wimbledon's recent revival which has brought them four points from the last two games could be interrupted by the absence of Phelan, who injured his arms playing for the Republic in midweek and is doubtful.

midweek and is doubtful.

Fitzgerald stands by to replace him with McAlister set for left back.

Heath, who scored his first goal in 17 months after coming on as a substitute against Luton, is the likely replacement for Hughes, rested after 28 consecutive

Tomorrow

Everton v Leeds

Everton hog the cameras again as they endeavour to prevent Leeds from regaining the first division leadership white at the same time doing their own modest cause a bit of good.

Johnston has made good Johnston has made good progress with his wrist injury and could play. Harper faces a fitness test on a back injury. Cantona, the French International forward, is set to start

paper to last week's 7-1 annihilation of Shelfield Wednesday, plays.

Plying the power: Mandy Wainwright, of Britain, strives hard against the German, Andrea Glass, but lost 6-4, 6-4 as her team was toppled 4-0 in the European junior Winter Cup at the Windmill Hill centre, East Sussex

Fine follows defeat for Becker

Stuttgart: Boris Becker and Ivan Lendi have each been fined \$1,000 by the ATP Tour for outbursts during their second-round defeats in the Eurocard Classic here.

Becker lost 6-3, 6-4 to Jan Siemerink, of The Netherlands, and Lendl was beaten 7-6, 5-7, 6-1 by Aleksandr Volkov, of Russia.

"In Becker's case he swore in German at a German linesman and the linesman

reported him to the umpire. while Lendl said offending words to the umpire in his match," the ATP supervisor. Ed Hardisty, said.

Goran Ivanisevic, the seventh seed, and John McEnroe had previously been fined \$500 and \$450. Ivanisevic for verbal abuse during a second-round match against Olivier Delaitre, of France, and

McEnroe for breaking his

racket during his defeat by the eighth seed. Karel Novacek, of Czechoslovakia. Happily for the sponsor. Jim Courier and Stefan Edberg, the top two seeds, both won through to the

quarter-finals. Courier, the world No. I. outlasted Richard Kraiicek. of The Netherlands, by 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, and Edberg swept past the Austrian, Alex Antonitsch, 6-1, 6-2. (AP)

Stroke of luck is timely for Corsie

BOWLS

BY DAVID RHYS JONES

ALTHOUGH Richard Corsie, the holder, failed to produce the form that earned him his second world title last year, the 25-year-old Scot cleverly took advantage of some poor defence to defeat Jason Greenslade, a promising young Weishman, in the first round of the Midland Bank world indoor singles championship at the Preston Guild Hall yesterday.

After losing the first set, 2-7. Greenslade took the second. 7-5, and was warming to his task in the third when his progress was cruelly halted by an outrageous fluke.

Corsie's off-target drive cannoned a short bowl obliquely into the head, where it displaced Greenslade's shot and gave the Scot a 5-2 advantage.

Corsie hung his head, but took the shot and perked up visibly. Greenslade, his confidence dented, scored on only two more ends, and spoke afterwards of the lessons he had learned from his defeat.

he said, "I dropped a big count in every set. You can get away with that in the tradition 21-up situation, but not in set play, where mistakes can mean sudden death.

"Halfway through the second set, I really felt I could beat Richard," Greenslade added, "but I played too many loose ends, and only have myself to blame for my

Corsie said Greenslade had given him "a good work-out" and he was glad to have had such a tough opening match. "But I know I'll have to raise

my game if I'm to hold on to the title." In the pairs, Ian McClure of Ireland, who at 18 is the second youngest competitor in the championships, partnered Stevie Adamson to a shock five-sets victory over England's Gary Smith and Andy Thomson, who had been seeded fourth.

RESULTS: Singles: First nound: R Corse (Scat) bi J Greenstade (Wates), 7-2, 5-7, 7-3, 7-2 Pairs: First round: M Biggs and W Richards (Eng) bi I. Naron and A Welch (Ch I), 7-2, 5-7, 7-6, 7-1 | Schubach and R Parrelle (Aus) bi D Gourley Jr and R McCulloch (Scat), 7-5, 4-7, 4-7, 7-1, 7-5, R Corsie and W Wood (Scat) bi T Morus (Aus) and G Lawson (NZ), 7-2, 7-6, 7-2 S Adamson and I McCuro (he) bt G Smith and A Thomson (Eng), 1-7, 7-5, 2-7, 7-6, 7-6.

having failed to score more than one goal in their last seven league games. Nevertheless, Alex Ferguson, the manager, contemplates omitting either Giggs or Kanchelskis. Young is Suspended

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athletes lodge appeal Kafrin Krabbe's lawyer yes-

terday lodged an appeal against the suspension of the world 100 and 200 metres champion, saying he would produce new scientific evidence to help clear her name. Reinhard Rauball said

Krabbe still intended to compete at the Barcelona Olympics and would start the outdoor season by running in an international event in her home town, Neubrandenburg, on May 27. He sent formal notice of appeal on behalf of Krabbe and her fellow athletes, Grit Breuer and Silke Möller, to the legal committee of the German athletics federation.

Additional event Golf: A new European Tour event, the Roma Masters, which will carry prize-money of £225,000, was announced yesterday. It will be played between April 2 and 5.

Chris Moody, of England, trails Peter Fowler, of Australia, by five strokes after the second round of the New Zealand Open.

New mark set

Swimming: Mark Tewksbury set a world record of 52.52 sec in the men's 100 metres backstroke at the Canadian winter national championships, bearing the time of 52.58sec he set in Sheffield last March.

Stich undone ' Tennis: Michael Stich. the Wimbledon champion, continued his poor run of form when he lost to Amos Mansdorf, of Israel, 7-6, 7-5 in the third round of the United States professional indoor tournament.

Winning formula Yachting: John Bertrand, of

the United States, swept to an easy win in Stars & Stripes on the first day of the Formula One world grand prix off Fremantle, western Australia. Oxford tipped

Real tennis: Oxford start as favourites for the first women's University match at Oxford today.

Profits fall Cricket: Northamptonshire made a profit of £18,464 last season, more than £55,000 down on the previous year.

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his first game for Leeds who have Speed and Sterland Iti. Hodge has suffered a recurrence of calf trouble and

faces an operation at the end

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AUCKLAND: World Cup warm-up match (50 overs): Australia 250-7 (G R Marsh 61, A R Border, S R Waugh 50), Auckland 188-5 (S Petersen 67): Australia won by 82 nms.

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MANILLA: Philipoines Open: Secondround leaders: 138: O Karleson (Swe),
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(Phil, 70, 74; C Endres (US), 71, 73.
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(Aus), N Schanlon, M Redman, J Pácock,
M McGann, C Kogg), S Furlong, N Foust,
V Fergon, D Coe, M Bertsotti.

HOCKEY

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Detroit Red Wings 3. Toronto Maple Leads 2, New York Islanders 6, New York Rangers 2; Ouebec Nordiques 4, Pittsburgh Pen-guns 4 (OT), Chicago Black Hawks 4, New Jersey Devils 4 (OT). SQUASH RACKETS

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CARDIFF: Leekes Welsh Classic: Men:
Second round: D Harris (Eng) bt R
Norman (NZ), 11-15, 15-8, 16-6, 5-15, 15-8;
C Dittmer (Aus) bt S Partie (Eng), 15-10,
15-5, 15-13; P Menshall (Eng) bt M
Macken (Scot), 15-13, 15-9, 11-15, 15-13,
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17-14, 16-4, 15-11, Women: First round:
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11-15, 15-7, 15-11; S Devoy (NZ) bt 3
Bradley (Aus), 13-15, 17-16, 15-8, 15-2, M
LeMoignan (Eng) bt L Soutier (Eng),
17-14, 15-9, 15-4, 5 Homer (Eng) bt B
Hoogendoorn (Neth), 15-9, 15-8, 15-5

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TENNIS

PHILADELPHIA: Men's tournament: Third round: A Knckstein (US) bit Relibert (FT), 36, 76, 75, 8 Gilbert (US) bit M Laurendemu (Can), 64, 63, J Grabb (US) bit T Woodbridge (Aus), 76, 64, A Manedorf (ar) bit M Stich (Car), 78, 75, P Sampras (US) bit S Pescosolido (ii), 76, 4, 64, 64.

STUTTGART: Men's tournament: Second round: P Kords (C2) bit A Jarryd (Swe), 63, 75, 2, S Edberg (Swe) bit A Antondach (Austres), 61, 82, J Courier (US) bit R Kinglook (Neth), 63, 36, 63, 0 Camporese (ii) bit K Novacok (C2), 83, 64, A Volkov (Russia) bit Lendi (C2), 63, 64, 64, 64.

CEBENA, Italy: Women's tournament: Second round: L'estrando (ii) bit C Suine (Fr), 63, 61, N Herreman (Fr) bit Y Manaskova (CiB), 62, 75, K Novak (Pol) bit C Provix (Ger), 67, 76, 63, P Langrova (C2) bit A Fusas (Fr), 64, 64; C Tarvier (Fr) bit Y Gauthovets (CS), 63, M Pierce (Fr) bit Reggir (It), 62, 61, COVENTRY: L'At assiste tournament.

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Goals begin to flow in **Champions Trophy**

FROM SYDNEY FRISKIN IN KARACHI

THE fourteenth Champions Trophy tournament turned into a scoring carnival here yesterday with 15 goals in two matches. Australia romped to a 6-3 victory over the World Cup holders, Netherlands, and Pakistan, spurred by an enthusiastic home crowd, overran the French 6-0.

Whereas Pakistan were too fast and skilful for the French. who are learning fast, Australia's task was made all the easier by some incredible defensive lapses by the Dutch. The worst error was made by the deep defender, Crucq, who delayed his clearance long enough to enable Davies to gain possession and score. Mark Hager had given the

Australians the lead in the ninth minute and when Williams converted a short corner a minute before the interval, Australia were comfortably launched. Despite a goal by Bovelander from a short comer early in the second half, goals by Hager and Davies put Australia 5-1 ahead. Weterings and

Gebbink scored to briefly flicker the game into a contest, but Hager netted his third in the 58th minute. France, undaunted by Pakistan's reputation, launched several attacks, led generally by their captain, Cellier, but

the Pakistan machine was set in motion in the seventeenth minute by Shahbaz Ahmed. who set up two chances for Wasim Feroze to score. In between, Khalid Bashir converted a short corner.

Mussadiq Hussain scored the

fourth goal in the 56th minute, Khalid Bashir the fifth from a short corner and Qamar Ibrahim the sixth. If Surbiton beat Formby tomorrow at Skelmersdale they will win the second division title in the Pizza Express National League and become the first of two clubs eligible to play in the first division next season. Surbiton's hopes rose when they beat Warrington 6-3 last week and they are expecting Molloy to add a few more goals to the four he

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England risk opening gambit

CRICKET CORRESPONDENT IN PERTH

WHEN Ian Botham took his first steps into international cricket, with all the timidity of a bull in a bad mood. Vinod Kambli was a boy aged four in the backstreets of Bombay. On the eve of cricket's fifth World Cup, need and circumstance threw this improbable pair together.

The cameras rolled relent-lessly in Perth yesterday, and they were invariably pointed at the grizzled veteran of 100 Tests and as many one-day internationals. Botham has had his way and will open the England innings when the World Cup stages its first floodlit match here today.

While England's glamorous selection commanded the attention, however. India were contemplating a strategy for the longer term. Kambli, just 19 and with only three one-day games in Sharjah for top-grade experience, was nominated as the likely new opening partner for Kris Srikkanth in today's historic game.

India, like England, would name only a squad of 12 last night, Kambli contesting the final place with the accomplished but out-of-form Manjrekar. One of them would open, with Shastri moving down the order as a mobile weapon against EngCRICKET WORLD CUP 1992

land's slow bowling. If Kambli won the vote, as the Indian camp believed he would, the team's new generation was to gain an exciting addition.

Everyone in cricket is now fully acquainted with the extraordinary talent of Sachin Tendulkar. Some are aware that his first indelible impression on the Indian game was made four years ago when he and a schoolmate aged 14 shared a partnership of 664. both boys scoring triple centuries. Not many would know that his ally that day, and his closest friend ever since, was

They grew up together, were coached and cajoled by the same old wise mentor in Ramakant Achrekar, and now they stand together at the outset of this World Cup, scarcely able to believe that they are suddenly part of it

Tendulkar has already demonstrated a maturity way beyond his years. He hasbeen carrying the frail Indian batting around Australia all winter and, for a teenager, he has already imposed a re-

Imran's solution is a softer ball

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

PAKISTAN are again using tennis balls during practice to help their batsmen prepare for the faster Australian pitches in the World Cup.

The Pakistan cricket manager, Intikhab Alam, said that the captain, Imran Khan, regularly took his batsmen into hotel car parks and threw tennis balls at them from about half the length of

'We used tennis balls when we went to the West Indies in 1988 to help the players get used to the bounce," Intikhab said. Pakistan play West Indies at Melbourne tomorrow in their opening match of the

Geoff Marsh made a solid 61 and Allan Border and Steve Waugh both scored half-centuries as Australia gained a 62-run win over the Auckland provincial team in a final World Cup warm-up

match. Australia made 250 for seven in 50 overs and then restricted Auckland to 188 for five in tricky, windy

Bowling into the wind proved difficult because it was so hard to maintain balance. while batsmen had trouble when the wind caused the bat to waver on the back-lift.

Marsh played a typically stern innings but the Australian accelerated so emphatically that they scored 97 runs from the last ten overs of their innings.

Auckland never got into the hunt, despite some good batting from Simon Peterson (67). Justin Vaughan (40) and Adam Parore (35 not out). While Bruce Reid and Mike Whitney were battling away into the gale, Craig McDermott bowled ten quick overs downwind, finishing markable degree of cricket thinking on a sometimes rud-

Off the field, he smiles boyishly behind his sunglasses. listens to Phil Collins on his personal stereo and looks thoroughly westernised. He says little, however, unless in the company of Kambli. Then, together, they blossom, as India doubtless hope and believe they will on the field in the coming weeks.

It is a sobering fact that neither can recall much of the day when India, with two of today's players in the side, won the World Cup in 1983. It is not surprising because neither, in fact, had even begun to play cricket by then. Graham Gooch missed

that World Cup for different reasons. He was serving a suspension for touring South Africa and had mentally resigned himself to never again playing overseas for England. But the old hangdog returned for the 1987 World Cup and enjoyed it so much he was able to persuade himself to extend his touring career one more time for this year's competition. Today's international, fittingly, is his 100th.

"It is a very exciting tournament," he said yesterday.
"You get a great buzz from
the World Cup." Asked how much it would mean personally to win the competition, he grinned sheepishly and complained: "You know I'm not very good at putting things like that into words.

"But it is important and it would be a great thing for me, if not quite at the end then near the end of my time. I wouldn't mind playing in the next World Cup but I think they would have to make a new rule allowing wheel-

England's final selection for today was unlikely to be difficult on the ground where the highest score in any limited overs match this winter is a mere 209. Gladstone Small and Richard Illingworth. both bowlers short of match practice, were expected to join the injured Allan Lamb in waiting for another day.

Lamb continues to make rapid progress in recovering from his hamstring tear but the danger now is that he will feel encouraged to start back

"I am desperate to play against West Indies on Thursday," he said yesterday. "but the advice is that I would be better to give it a few more days. It is hard to hold myself back but I accept it is better to miss two games than to risk missing the rest of the competition."



Net gain: Botham holds nothing back as he prepares for today's game

Cantona is out to master Keown

By IAN ROSS

ALTHOUGH Eric Cantona's belief in his own abilities stretches far beyond the parameters of normal selfconfidence, his immediate future within English football may well be decided tomorrow when Leeds United meet Everton at Goodison Park. Cantona, who was lured to

Elland Road three weeks ago after refusing the offer of an extended trial at Sheffield Wednesday, is expected to take his place in a televised League game of obvious significance, fully aware than an unproductive performance could signal a slump in his fortunes. Given Cantona's volatile nature, he would not readily accept such a retrograde step.
With Chapman, the prolific

goalscorer he was signed to replace. likely to be available for next weekend's game against Luton Town after recovering from a fractured arm, Cantona must make a healthy contribution on Merseyside if he is to be regarded as something other than a gifted and expensive understudy.

Ironically, the player who is likely to be charged with the responsibility for suppressing Cantona's natural flair tomorrow is Keown, the Everton centre back who proved himself to be equal to just such a task at Wembley on Wednesday night when the two men fought out a fascinating personal duel during the course of the England-

France friendly international. Howard Wilkinson, the Leeds manager, attended the game to monitor the progress of his latest acquisition, and

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yesterday, with typical Yorkshire bluntness, he did not disguise his acute disappointment. "Good football outside of the penalty area is all well and good but if you are a striker you have to hit the opposition where it hurts," he "I was disappointed that

Eric did not give Chris Woods more to do in terms of saving shots. The confrontation between Eric and Keown was interesting, to say the least." Leeds, who have been inac-

tive - apart from two exhibitions - since experiencing League defeat for only the second time this season at Oldham Athletic a formight ago, trail Manchester United by a point at the top of the first division. They would welcome an

Everton performance as inept as the one that contributed to their 4-1 Rumbelows Cup defeat two months ago at the same venue.

Leeds expect to have Speed available even though he sustained a painful knee injury while playing for Wales against the Republic of Ireland in Dublin on Wednes-

Johnston, the Everton forward, is also likely to figure even though he has not yet recovered from a long-standing wrist injury.

ITV aims to keep live coverage

ITV is still trying to retain its exclusive hold on live League football telecasts. It has offered the Premier League £18 million a year for a fouryear contract, which would give it exclusive rights to live transmission.

The insistence on live broadcasts is significant. It means that the Premier League's concurrent negotiations with the BBC for the return of Match of the Day would not be affected, while shutting out ITV's commerPremier League matches.

The Premier League is believed to be keen to see Match of the Day come back. It would resume the old format, with a 50-minute programme on a Saturday evening, probably in the old 10pm slot, showing high-lights of two of the afternoon's matches.

Running from August to May, it would give the Pre-mier League a highly desirable shop window and a continuity for viewers which

cial rival BSkyB, which is in-terested in showing live the live Sunday match does ably is not the final word. At the very least, the Premier not offer.

Unlike the present ITV contract, Rumbelows Cup matches are not covered by the bid from the commercial channel. ITV would undoubtedly want to bid for those rights, which are held by the Football League, but it is possible that the League would prefer to sell a larger package, including some Football League matches and the ZDS Cup competi-

tion, to BSkvB. The £18 million offer prob-

League chubs are likely to demand that the figure is index linked, a step that increased the value of the existing contract from its original Ell million to more than £13 mil-

lion this season. But there are suggestions that the Premier League should negotiate only a oneyear holding contract. Then, when the FA's contracts with BSkyB and the BBC expire in a year's time, the two bodies can put everything on the

table in a joint negotiation.

Government to support Olympic bid

THE prime minister will announce next week that the covernment will give financial backing to Manchester's attempt to stage the 2000 Olympic Games, so hugely ncreasing the chances of Britain staging the event for

the first time since 1948. The government will also give its full administrative support ensuring Manches ter's is a genuinely British bid. This is necessary if the International Olympic Committee (IOC) is to vote, in September 1993, to give the Games to Mancheste

The exact sum, which John Major will announce next Wednesday, has yet to be settled, although the commitment will be the greatest single amount of money given to British sport. However, the government is unlikely to mmediately hand over £350 million, requested by Manchester. This would be used to develop a 150-acre site in east Manchester, where there are plans for the building of an 80,000-seat main stadium and a velodrome, and also a gymnastics arena in the city centre.

Major and other govern-ment ministers, including Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, are more likely to tell the Manchester bid committee, at a meeting at 10 Downing Street, that there will be a programmed package of support. This would spread over several years, include providing money through the urban development grant, and be finally conditional on Manchester securing the Games next year from the opposition of cities such as Sydney, Brasilia, Peking and Berlin.

The government is expect ed to give a "starter-package" of financial support, which would enable the private sector to get involved in the leisure and entertainment complex. This would be built alongside the velodrome and

the main stadium, which it is hoped that Manchester City football club would make its home ground.

Last December, the government provided £2 million to conduct a detailed feasibility study. This has now been completed by Whitehall officials, the Manchester bid committee and independent agencies and sent to the prime minister.

Although Major is wellknown as a sports enthusiast. more cogent reasons for giving the money are the regeneration of the region, the employment opportunities and the boost to national morale, if Manchester were to secure the Games. In addition, the government also knows that there are massive benefits in trade, commerce

and prestige.
The announcement on Wednesday would also do the Conservative party's standing no harm in the run-up to the general election.

The Treasury, which has been closely involved in the talks, has been particularly worried that the costs could escalate and if Manchester were awarded the Games. then the government might be committed to finding extra revenue.

There are 14 sites alread existing in the North-West for the Games but Manchester has already agreed to the British Olympic Association's conditions that it will have started work on three more by September 1993. This is partly to impress the IOC of the seriousness of Manchester's determination, after losing the 1996 Games to Atlanta, and partly to provide much-needed facilities in the

The biggest problems that Manchester face in staging the Games are to find a suit able location, the necessary money and the planning permission for building the

British stock high on black market

FROM DAVID POWELL IN MERIBEL

THERE is more than one Tout still making the effort to keep Britain's name from sliding off the map at these Winter Games. They are the ones who are not so much interested in racing bobs as

making a few. The British ticket touts are of gold medal stock. "The Olympics are made for me," said one, who gave his name

as Mark Murphy.
Far removed from their summer jobs at Wimbledon they may be, but winter work here provides full employment. Varied, too. There was a business trip to Paris for the

rugby last weekend. The American and French provide good competition and, since each country can enter as many men as it likes, one does not have to walk far down the main street here to

get a range of quotes. For a £50 ticket for tomorrow's ice hockey final, I was asked to pay £200. This was

before the semi-finals. A tout taking a gamble. He knew he could sell it for more if the United States reached the final.

Just as the American public is prepared to pay more, so are its touts. Murphy is an entrepreneur among them. running an agency in Stockholm and supplying their needs. For preliminary matches, he claimed to have sold £30 tickets for £60 to the American touts and for £50 to the British. "It is not a racial thing, I just see the Brits more often," he said. "These guys will have tried to sell them for

£100." Business started on thin ice but now it is snowballing. "The police took 25 off me and made me sell them at face value." Murphy said. "I was thinking it would take four days to break even but it took seven." He always knew, though, that the second half of the run would be faster.

SIMON BARNES ON SATURDAY

A people born to run

WHEN it comes to crosscountry running, Kenya makes the MacLaren Formula One team look vulnerable and the West Indies cricket team of the Eighties look fragile. This is the land of remorseless excellence; unparalleled strength in depth; imperturbable and unbearable. No wonder they are resented. No wonder there are people involved in the international circuit who believe that life would be easier if there were fewer brilliant Kenyans about the place. Not the runners — it is

trying to restrict the number

of Kenyan athletes taking

part. Some of the other

promoters of the 14-race

LAAF cross-country chall-

enge have been concerned

were restricted to three. You've guessed it: Kenya the promoters who worry. Today we have the first Nairobi International race, and here, at least, nobody is

that the inevitability of Kenyan success is having a bad effect, especially where the fickle television audiences of Europe are concerned. Where, they ask, is the appeal of this endless series of enigmatic strangers who make no brash statements, and who live a life no European can comprehend? In Belfast, the Kenyan invitations to the men's event

finished one, two and three. From thin air

THE favourite for the men's race here tomorrow is Paul Tergat. Who he? I hear you ask. Tergat is the perfect example of the Kenyan athlete who leaps from nowhere to the pinnacle of athletics in one—or no more than two—bounds. After a couple of wins in provincial races he

was third in the immensely strong armed forces race. Last Saturday, he demol-ished the field as he won the Kenyan national championship — the toughest national. championship in the world. Yesterday he was nowhere, today he must be in the world's top five, by tomorrow he could be better than that

Yet he has never left the country. Nobody outside Kenyar. athletics really knows who he is. And you know what? There are plenty more

Word puzzle THE Kenyan Times, unlike

where he came from.

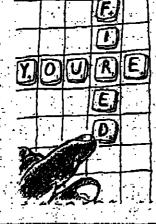
this paper, alas, covers one of the grandest sports of them all - Scrabble. George Wazome, I read with delight, was recently elected chairman of the Kenya Amateur Scrabble Association. replacing Robert Muitu. Scrabble is, of course, one of the most testing games known to humankind. I once played it for blood, but no longer. The muscles can still perform at a high level, but it is the competitive nerve that goes.

The big leap

THE future for ski jumping is with short, black inner-city kids of the United States. So says Howard Peterson, chief executive officer of the US ski team. "We are combing the schools now," he said.

The federation is building

a jumping hill in Salt Lake City, of all places, at a cost of \$12 million. "We want kids with short parents who have no prospects for college bas-ketball;" Peterson said; add-



ing: "Anyone heavier than 130lb just won't go very far." Meanwhile, Britain still hopes to build an artificial ski jump in this country. There are possibilities to be investigated in Sheffield and Edinburgh.

Winters' tale

CAN refereeing damage your health? If so, how much? The GM Vauxhall Conference has begun a

fascinating experiment to test the physical demands made on referees during a match. The health and science department of Liverpool University wants to monitor blood pressure and heart rate to assess "the effect on the body of various refereeing decisions". A pity they didn't wire up the rugby ref in the England-France game last weekend.

The first subject was Geoff Winters, who was refereeing the recent match between Northwich Victoria and Wycombe Wanderers. But alas, at half-time Winters could take no more. He had

done a calf muscle. Refereeing is even tougher than the men of Liverpool University

Point duty

THIS column's heart bleeds for Giuseppi Orlando, the sensitive goalscorer. He is suffering from stress because he scores too many goals. Last weekend, playing for his dub, Paganese, against Sarno in the semi-professional Championship of Excellence league in Italy, he fainted at half-time and was substituted.

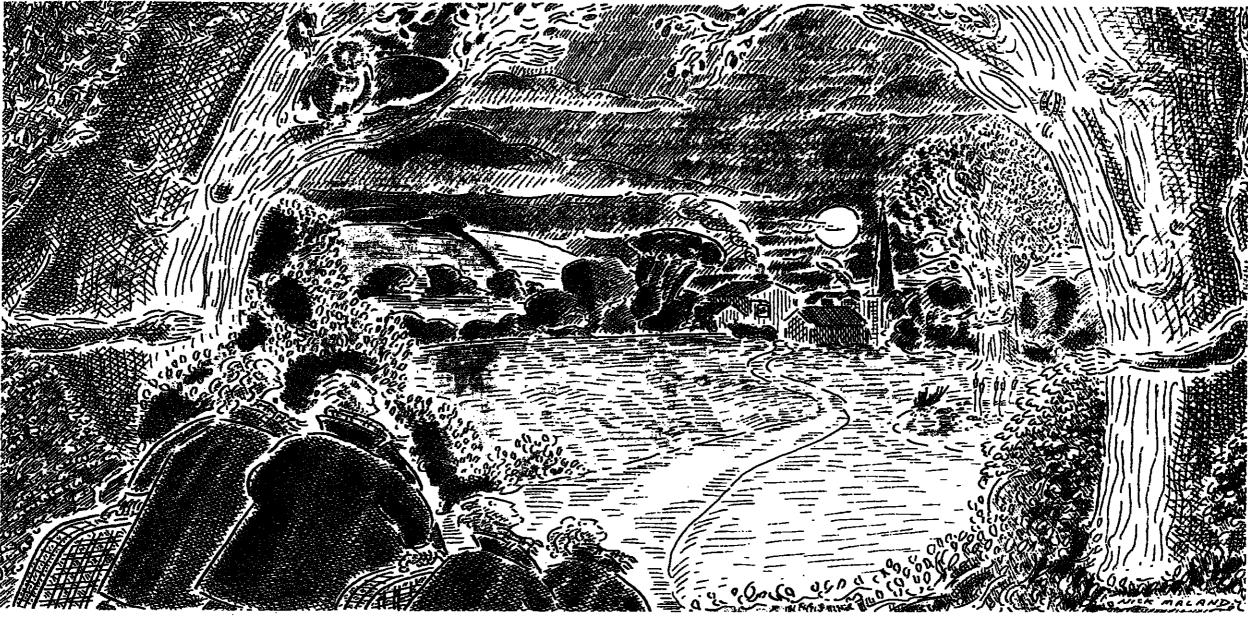
He suffers from disturbance, hypertension and anxiety. He cannot sleep at night. When he does, he gets nightmares. His 16 goals in 20 games have put Paganese on top of the league — but poor Giuseppi has had enough. He wants to give up. "I need to have a tranquil occupation," he said.

He now intends to become a traffic policeman.



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Country-dweller Libby Purves explains why, unlike Neil Lyndon last week, she relishes the summer invasion of urban visitors

oor old Londoners. Poor Mancunians, Brummies and other city-dwellers: exhausted amid the ex-haust furnes, dreaming innocently of their summer idyll in the countryside.

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Last week in this space Neil Lyndon (a fairly recent but alarmingly keen countryman) made it clear to the cits that they are not welcome. They are intruders, plunderers, rapists of his solitude: sanctimonious and incomprehending outsiders who don't know what the countryside is for. Worst of all, they are "dead batteries". who have the nerve to seek a brief seasonal recharging from the marshes and the sea and the wide East Anglian skies. The writer harshly assured the visitors that (unless they are pukka birdwatchers or sportsmen) "you may count on one certainty: you won't

Cue for the rest of us, fresh from the village hall production of Ali Baba, to jump up and down and shout "Oh yes you will!". You'll find heaps of friends. Or, at least. tolerant locals, quite pleased to have the summer season come round again with carnivals and regattas, fetes and frolics and estivals, ice-cream vans and the Great Walberswick Crabbing Contest. These things are ours all right, but amply supported with money and appreciation by the pale, chic visitors from the city. As my little brother used to say years ago, when he toddled down our suddenly festive village street to the unnaturally crowded beach: "Look Mum! Holidaymakers! I want to be a holidaymaker." They are like swallows. They make the summer.

When we first moved back here, I admit that I used to feel a little apprehensive of the summer invasion. In winter solitude, the landscape does indeed give something different and infinitely precious to those who love it. Or even to those who happen to be stuck with it. There are certain lighting effects, of golden trees against slate-grey sky, or reed-beds lit by a single ray of sunset after weeks of chill fog. which strike right into the soul. Country life, too, is cosier in winter: I was on the Ile d'Ouessant once talking about this to the priest, and he said simply: "We welcome visitors, they bring gaiety. But in winter it is best because

we are entre nous." There is a lot to be said for the old-fashioned (and not quite dead) pursuit of Making One's Own Amusements: and if these sometimes turn out to involve a karaoke machine and a pantomime cow, so what? It is nobody's business but ours. Last spring, when I depicted the mysterious fourth Bronte Sister of Haworth, Our Shirley, in the local players' magnificently adlibbed creation Passion at the

Parsonage. I was pretty glad that none of the intellectual summer visitors had actually arrived yet. Delivering lines like "Oh, Mr Heathcliff, there's a throb of life in you that could tempt me from t'chimney corner," one wants to be sure of an understanding and compassionate (and small) audience. When engaging in dramatic moments like the blowing-out of the paraffin lamp and finding that its shade has fallen off and one is visibly blowing on an electric lightbulb, one does not want the waxed-jacket set from the Telegraph arts pages to have wan-dered in from their chic Aldeburgh cottages to see it. There is much to be said for being a small community, entre nous for nine months of the year.

And yet somehow, the more securely one is dug in to neighbourhood and village school, friends and charities, darts leagues and Brownies and the land itself (we now farm in a small way), the less one minds the tourist season. After all, there are long, beautiful months when scarcely anybody comes. There are May and June, September and October to look forward to: when we can swim in the North Sea in the quiet evening and cycle the lanes in solitude while other poor devils earn their living (and more of the Gross National Product than us. probably) in the roar and smell of the town. Why grudge them their time here? Rural England is not actually at risk of becoming a yearround adventure playground for the cities, thanks to the weather and cheap foreign holidays. Our invasion will always be brief, and limited, and dedicated.

And, let us face it, benevolent. No point sneering at the publicans for "pasting on their pecuniary grins" in summer: there could be far fewer pubs if nobody came. And fewer shops. Never mind the recession, the Uniform Business Rate has crippled small retailers in the south of England, many of whom are being asked to pay ten times as much as before on twothirds of the trade.

There are new bankruptcies in the country every week, and the old family businesses which struggle on valiantly for our benefit all year deserve the boost they get from weekenders and holidaymakers. who are happy to make free with their money. If they are embarrassingly charmed by the experience of buying wellington boots in a shop with a counter, or find the shopkeeper's accent "quaint", so what? The money

comes in handy. And some of the publicans'. grins are not entirely pecuniary. When your regulars are a dour lot and prone to grumbling about cloudy ale and the fact that you have moved the danboard a

lownies

quarter of an inch, it is not unpleasant to have a beaming family tumble in from a long invigorating walk, look around rosily at your beams and your inglenook and your fruit-machine and breathe: "Oh, this is marvellous! Oh, don't ever change a thing! Gosh, Adnams on draught, bliss! I wonder, could you possibly manage a ploughmans? It is like the brief, innocent thrill a middleaged mother gets from having her hand kissed by an Italian count. It's not real, it's not for keeps, but it

doesn't half perk you up. We need the visitor population to defend us against more sinister ills than bankruptcy, too. I have lately begun to suspect that — unromantic though it may be - the truth is that the only hope for the environmental salvation of the British countryside lies in its tourist appeal. Not in weekend-cottaging: that is recognised to be a serious social problem, particularly in Wales and

the southwest, where city buyers unfairly use their economic power to snap up cottages in the centre of villages and leave them largely empty while local couples are homeless. But tripperism is a different matter. It creates a demand market for just those things which otherwise are harder and harder to justify.

Farmers are in desperate finan-cial straits: if hedgerows and copses, butterflies and shaded paths are of no fiscal benefit, they will not keep them. Only the other week the new environment department guidelines on rural planning made it quite clear that "little weight need be given to the loss" of farmland of "poor to moderate" quality. Mr Major said there is no longer a need "to offer as much protection to farmland now that we have food surpluses". But poor to moderate quality farmland is often beautiful, and peaceful, and wild; not enough, perhaps, to get

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All over the country a new

generation of foxhunters

is riding to hounds in an

effort to keep the sport

alive into the 2 l st century

the pompous formal protection of a national park or an AONB (area of ourstanding natural beauty), but lovely enough to be missed if it vanishes under industrial parks and bungalows.

We hope the trippers will not let that happen. We need their clout and determination to resist worse, and less reversible, disasters than a few holiday cottages. One must be realistic and admit that in a democracy, numbers count. When somebody wants to rape a bit of Diana Quick did — because they marshland or do something vile to are not in daily, embarrassing

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testers need city campaigners to Sure, the local folk group can sing furiously about it and the fishermen picket the harbour, but what will really work is gening Bernard Levin in print, thundering away about how he once went to the Aldeburgh Festival and cherishes every blade of marramgrass. We need Cabinet ministers whose daughters paddled in the endangered stream, and chairmen of enormous banks whose

orchids. Nobody from the city where most power lies - is going to stand up for the countryside if they "find no friends" in it and are excluded from breathing its air. Mere self-interest should make

even disgruntled solitary

marshmen paste on the odd expedient smile. (City-based campaigners also have the advantage that they can loudly and necessarily question projects like Sizewell B — as weekenders led by Diana Quick did — because they

contact with people whose only chance of work depends on the thing continuing.) On the lighter side, holidaymakers remind us of how to enjoy ourselves. The place where you live can too easily turn into a treadmill of house, shops, school gate, garage, and the nearest stationer with a fax for hire. It is when the first visitors arrive at

spring half-term, breath-ing deeply and exclaim-ing at everything, that we awake with a start from the trance of our daily working lives and remember to have picnics again. And to get the dinghy out and see if the oaks on Iken Cliff have survived the winter; and generally to look with fresh holidaymaking eyes on our surroundings.

In our house it is axiomatic that the only time we sit out in the garden is when weekend visitors come: the same applies to the wider scene. And although it is locals who organise and cherish the big events — the carnivals, the fireworks on the beach, the chaotic procession of illuminated fancy dress punts at Thorpeness or the tidal wave of children crabbing at Walberswick - they would not be the same without visitors, either competing or cheering us on.

Anyway, sharing is the Christian, the humanitarian thing to do. Last summer, rather nervously, we joined the band of rural families who support the Chilwives have a thing about wild

dren's Country Holidays Fund, offering hospitality to the poorest with the harvest moon and the owl? It's hers as much as mine. families from east London. One of not bear the place once she found

Radio Suffolk sadly deficient in hip-hop music and the carrival

boring". She went home, as was

But the other child flourished,

and in the end her mother and

five-year-old brother came to join

us, and we picnicked and cycled

and sailed and eventually even

persuaded Carla that river mud

was OK stuff to have all over your

legs, and not the same as real dirt. One night we punted round Thorpeness Meare dressed as pirates, and little Andrew gasped

at the fireworks reflected in the still

water, on the other evenings his

mother Teresa and I sat on the

back step together and looked at the full moon for hours, and talked, and heard the barn owl.

And I thought hell, what right

have I or anybody to deny Teresa

and all other Teresas a quiet night

and moon: remember to wipe your feet as you leave, and when you walk the corridors of power, or cast a Greenish vote at the election, stick up for the things we both love. You are welcome, and we like

Well, most of you. I suppose it is true that some pretty appalling, down with the tourist invasion and get up everybody's nose. But human nature is mixed everywhere, is it not? And there are, to be frank, some pretty arrogant, selfish people living round here, too.

• Are you a townie who reserves the right to make the great rural escape at weekends? Or a country resident on the receiving and of the urban invasion? If you would like to contribute your views on the debate, please send them to Weekend Times, The Times, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN.

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an historic barn, we know perfectly well that the environment department will not be swayed by the handful of people who can actually see the thing all year round from their bedroom windows. We know that when some fearful development threatens like the ridiculous, and now quashed, plan to turn Southwold harbour into a Dutch-style leisure marina experience - local pro-

BATH TIME

Built by the Romans, rebuilt by the Georgians and thankfully untouched by modern developers, Bath continues to inspire



PASTA PASSION

Frances Bissell, The Times cook, shares some classic Italian secrets and discovers a little balsamico goes a very long way

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FILM

AFRAID OF THE DARK (18): Mark Peploe's clever but disagreeable psychological Ihritler about fear and blindness. With Ben Keyworth, James Fox, Fanny Ardant. Canden Plaza (071-485 2443) Cannon Haymarket (071-839 1527).

BARTON FINK (15): The Coen brothers' marvellous macabre comedy about a New York playwright all at sea in 1940s Hollywood. Starming John Turtura, John Goodman. A triple Cannes prizewinner. Gate (071-727 4043) Lumlère (071-836 0691) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366).

BETTY BLUE (18): Three-hour version of Jean-Jacques Beinelx's tale of mad love, released with cuts in 1986. The plot makes more sense, but the style of grandiose chic still irritates. With Beatrice Dalle, Jean-Hughes Anglade Electric (071-792 2020)

BLACK ROBE (15): Seventeenth century Jesuil (Lothaire Bluteau) tres to convert Indians in northern Ouebec, Intelligent epic from Brian Moore's novel. Director, Bruce Berestord. Cannon Fulham Road (071-370 2636) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Plaza (071-497 9599).



Fanny Ardant and James Fox at risk in Afraid of the Dark

DEATH IN BRUNSWICK (15): Sam Neil as an ageing mother's boy sucked into love, violence and accidental murder. Tasty black comedy from new Australian director John Ruane. Carnnons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Metro (071-437

DELICATESSEN (15): French video whizzkids Jeunet and Caro's wonderfully bizarre fantasy about a houseful of tenants living above a cannibalistic butcher. With Dominique Pinon, Mane-Laure Dougnac.

Dougnac. Camons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Metro (071-437 0757) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772)

FATHER OF THE BRIDE (PG)-Daughter's impending wedding drives Steve Martin crazy. Disappointing remake of the 1950 classic; for audiences who want to be spoon-led. With Diane Keaton, director, Charles Shver.

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Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096)
Oxford Street (071-636 0310)
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914666) Marble Arch (0426
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Screen on the Green (071-226
3520) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

THE FAVOUR, THE WATCH AND THE VERY BIG FISH (15): Frisky absurdity about a French photographer of devokona scenes (Bob Hoskins) struggling to find his Christ. With Jeff Goldblum, Natasha Richardson, director, Ben Lewin. Odeon Haymarket (0426 915353)

FOR THE BOYS (15). Songand-dance team entertain troops three wars, only to be ruined by a synthetic script With Bette Midler, James Caan, director, Mark Rydell Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) West End (0426 915574)

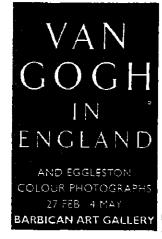
914666) West End (0426 915574) Whiteleys (071-792 3332) FRANKIE AND JOHNNY (15)-Short-order cook (Al Pacino) courts a wary waitress (Michelle Pleiffer) Synthetic adaptation of Terrence McNally's play Oirector, Garry Marshall Cannon Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Empire (071-497 9999)

MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Whiteleys (071-792 3332)

JFK (15) Oliver Stone's contentious, electrifying, three-hour drama about the Kennedy assassmanton, Kevin Costner as crusading D.A. Jim Garnson, a busiling supporting cast.

Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannons: Fulham Roed (071-370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8851) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Minema (071-235 4225) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 6705) Plaza (071-497 9999) Whiteleys

THE LUNATIC (15) Helty German lounst almost undoes a Jamaican innocent (the ebullient Paul Campbell). Artiess feature dobut by pop video director Lol Creme Prince Charles (071-437 8181)



THE PLEASURE PRINCIPLE
(18): Tangled affeire of a
philandering journelist (Peter
Firth). Flawed comedy that seems
left over from the Swinging
Suches; writer-director David
Cohen.
Cennon Oxford Street (071-

THE PRINCE OF TIDES (15): New York psychiatrist helps football coach face family secrets. Romantic drama with ideas above its station, grandly acted by Nick Nolte. Barbra Streisand directs and co-stara, but fails to sing. Odeon Leicester Square (0426 915683).

636 0310).

RAISE THE RED LANTERN
(PG). Zhang Yimou's austere,
quietly dazzling drama of a
concubine's struggles in Twenties
China

Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742/3743) Metro (071-437 0757) Renoir (071-837 8402) SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS (U): Disney's

first full-length cartoon (1937).

Overly cute at times, but still a

treat for children and the young at heart. Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Odeon Mezzanine (0426 915683) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

STAR TREK VI: THE
UNDISCOVERED COUNTRY
(PG): Farewell Kirk and Spock,
battling galaxy war-mongers in
their last screen adventure.
Underwhelming, but adequate.
With William Shatner, Leonard
Nimoy; director, Nicholas Meyer.
Cannons: Baker Street (071935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370
2636) Empire (071-497 9999)
Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

URGA (PG): Nikita Mikhalikov's mesmerising film about civilisation encroaching on the Mongolian steppes. The top prizewinner at last year's Venice Film Festival. Curzon Mayfair (071-465 pees.)

LES VALSEUSES (18): Gérard Depardieu and Patrick Dewaere in 1974, as two lads with idle hands. Timely revival of Bertrand Blier's feroclous, amoral, snook-cocking 1974 romp. Cannon Piccaditty (071-437 3561).

THEATRE

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LA BETE; Bravura
performance by Alan Cumming in
strange Molière parody:
eccentric but clever.
Lyric Hammersmith, King
Street, W6 (081-741 2311). MonSat, 7 45pm, mats Wed,
2 30pm, Sat, 4pm.

CAESAR AND CLEOPATRA: Alec McCowen and Amanda Root in a disappointingly flat version of Shaw's anti-romantic drama. Greenwich, Croom's Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755). Mon-Sat, 7 45pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm.

THE COTTON CLUB: An impression of the Harlem inghtspot, high on energy, low on story freshness.

Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404), Mon-Fri, 7-30pm, Sat. 8pm, mats Wed, 2-30pm, Sat. 4pm.

(071-836 6404). Mon-Fri, 7.30pm Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm. DANCING AT LUGHNASA: Bran Friel's Olivier Award-winni memory-play, set in Thirles

Donegal. Garrick, Channg Cross Road, .WC2 (071-494 5085). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm.

FROM A JACK TO A KING:
Withy and stylish version of
Macbeth's climb to the top, set
in the world of rock bands and
packed with Sixties songs.
Boulevard, Walker's Court, off
Peter Street, W1 (071-437 2661)
Mon Sat, 8 15pm, Fri late show,
t0 15pm, mat Sat, 6pm.
GOOD ROCKIN' TONITE:

GOOD ROCKIN' TONITE: Satisfying musical celebrating Fifties and Sixties pop classics Great stuff Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-240 0300) Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fn,

Sal. 5.30pm and 8.30pm

A HARD HEART: Howard

Barker's latest play, set in a
besieged European city, with

Anna Massey as an architect bent
upon saving the Oueen (Angela
Down)

Almeida, Almeida Street, N1

(071-359 4404). Previews from Thurs. 8pm Opens March 3. 7pm Then Mon-Sat, 8pm mat Sat, 4pm THE MADNESS OF GEORGE

Ill: Nigel Hawthorne is very fine as a sincken king, but as a whole, Alan Bennett's play does not quite work. National (Lytteiton), South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 2252).

Tonight, Mon. 7 30pm, mail roday, 2 15pm
MAKING IT BETTER: James
Saunders's subtle play concerned with ideals, reality and liberation in Prague and London, Jame Asher in an exemplary cast of four
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage
Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-

Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon Sat. 8pm. mat Sat. 4pm.

MOBY DICK: Tony Monopoly plays the headmistress of a girls' school who mounts a version of Melville's novel in the swimming pool with himself/herself as a Cap'n Ahab and the girls as everyone else Songs and lyncs by Robert Langden and Hereward Kaye. So bizarre an idea that it

could be ferrific
Piccadilly, Denman Street, W1
(071-867 1118), Previews from
Tues, 8pm Opens March 11,
7pm
THE NIGHT OF THE IGUANA:
Afred Molina and a superb Eileen
Atkins in Tennessee Williams's

late play on the effects of sexual repression National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE I (071-928 2252) Tues-Thurs, 7 30pm, mai Thurs, 2 15pm

ONCE UPON A SONG: New
Anthony Newley musical about the effects of marital discord on a toenage daughter: with Newley.
Diane Langton and Natalie
Winght.
King's Head, 115 Upper 7 45
Street, N1 (071-226 1916).



Reaching new heights: Jane Haworth and Thomas Edur star in A Stranger I Came presented by the English National Ballet

Previews from Wed, 8pm Opens March 2, 7.30pm. Then Tues-Sat, 8pm, mats Sat, Sun,

THE POCKET DREAM: Make
McShane and Sandi Toksvig play
theatre staff who help a halfstrength touring company to put on
"the ultimate comic version of
A Midsummer Night's Dream".
Albery. St Martin's Lane, WC2
(071-867 1115). Previews from
Wed, 7.45pm. Opens March 4,
7pm. Then Tues-Sat, 7.45pm, mats
Sat, Sun, 3pm.

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Rose PYGMIES IN THE RUINS: Ron
Hutchinson's stirring drama, first
seen at the Lync Theatre,
Belfast, explores two violent
deaths in the crty, separated
by 120 years of troubles. Opens on
Monday.

London SW1 (071-730 1745). Previews tonight, 8pm. Opens Mon, 8pm. Then Mon-Set, 8pm, mat Set, 4pm.



Desolate: Patricia Routledge appears in Talking Heads

TALKING HEADS: Patricia
Routledge and Alan Bennett
excellent in three of his
monologues charting the
unconscious humour and pain
of desolate lives.
Comedy, Panton Street, SWI
(071-867 1045) Mon Sat, 8pm.
mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm

UNCLE VANYA: Ian McKellen, Antony Sher, Lesley Sharp in a promising new version of Chekhou's play from Pam Gems. directed by Sean Mathias. The production opens on Tuesday National (Cottesloe), South Bank, London SE 1 (071-928 2252), 7 30pm

WALPURGIS NIGHT:
Fascinating look at life and death in a Soviet psychiatric hospital by V. Erofeyev, a former inmate. Snoo Wilson translates.
Gate, Prince Albert Pub, 11
Pembridge Road, W11 (071-229) 0706). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm.

REGIONAL

BIRMINGHAM: Island, loosely based by Guy Hutchins on a true story, tells with dance, music and lext the story of a Native American "rescued" by Catholic missionaries from a Californian island.

Birmingham Rep Studio.

Broad Street (021-236 4455). Tues-Sat, 7 30pm, mat Thurs.

2 30pm (four of Midlands schoots lottows).

BURY ST EDMUNDS: Touring production of the immortal Charley's Aunt reaches the theatre where it began life 100 years ago this week. With Mark Curry, Patrick Cargill and Gabrielle Drake
Theatre Royal, Westgate
Street (0284 769505) Tues-Sat, 7 30pm. mat Sat, 2 30pm.

GUILDFORD: Paul Scoheld and Vanessa Redgrave head a dazzing cast in Trevor Nurn's production of Shaw's "Fantasia in the Russian manner". Heartbreak House. The production opens in Guildford pror to its West End showing from March 11. Yvonne Amaud Theatre, Millbrook (0483 60191) Opens Wed, 7 45pm. Then Mon. Thurs, 7 45pm. Fri, Sat, 8pm. mats Thurs, 2 30pm, Sat, 3pm.

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weekend with open rehearsals and workshops with school at udents. Performances by the group include the London premiser of Samon Banbridge's Holden, Min

MOSCOW STATE SYMPHONY Double Concerto for oboe and ORCHESTRA: Pavel Kogan clarinet and world premieres of Elis Pehkonen's Violin Concerto, Barry Guy's *After the Rain*, and conducts and Derek Han is the programme of Rimsky-Korsakov, Rachmaninov, Tcheikovsky, Peter Wiegold's Sintonia Concertante. Mussorgsky, Arensky, Glinka Oneen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800). hony Hall, Birmingham loday from 10am (concert at (021-212 3333), tonight and tomorrow, 8pm. Derngate Theatre, Northampton (0604 7 45pm), tomorrow from 10am rts at 12.30pm and 45pm). 4881), Mon, 7.30pm. Pavilier STEVE REICH AND outh (0752 229922), Tues, .30pm. Colston Half, Bristol

(0272 223686/7; cc 0272 223683)

PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA:

Industrial Concerts, introduced after

economic austenty, continues with

the second world war to revive

Wed, 7.30pm. Royal Concert

Half, Nottingham (0602 482626/419741), Fri. 7.30pm.

Town Hall, Leeds (0532 476962/455505), next Sal.

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audience figures which had

three performances in the

Handley conducts Weber's

Oberon Overture, Beethov

slumped as a direct result of

orchestra's home city. Vernon

Piano Concerto No 3 (with Pioti

Wilhams's A London Symphon

The same programme is then take

cross-country to Middlesborough.

(051-709 3789), Tues-Thurs, 7.45p. Town Hall, Middlesborough

Anderszewski) and Vaughan

Philharmonic Half, Liverpool

(0642 242561). Fn, 7 45pm

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA:

Conducted by Simon Rattle, the

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this Viennese programme consists of Berg's Three Picces for

Cooke's masterly completion of

Mahler's Tenth Symphony. Symphony Hall, Birmingham (021-212 3333), Thurs. 7.30pm.

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Centre, Coventry (0203 524524), Fn, 7 30pm Festival Hatl, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928

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ROYAL LIVERPOOL

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STEVE REICH AND
MUSICIANS: This one-off concert
is the first British date since the
South Bank's Reich Festival in
1988 Reich's work is more
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mammalist music and this
programme includes four of bis
classics. Drumming (Part 1),
Electric Counterpoint, Sextet and
Different Trains
Festival Hall, South Bank,
London SE1 (071-928 8800), Thurs,

7 30pm.

BBC SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA: Pierre Boulez teturns to his old employer to conduct a marvellous programme consisting of Sir Harrison
Bir twistle's ...agm ... his own Notations 1-4, and Luciano
Bero's Sintonia. The orchestra is joined by the BBC Singers and the vocal group Electric Phoenix, while person(s) unknown will flick the switches for a hearing of Stockhausen's mid-Fifties tape piece. Gesang der Jünginge Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC1 (071-638 8891), Wed.

7 45pm. **OPERA**

LES CONTES D'HOFFMANN: Return of John Schlesing production for the Royal Opera of Offenbach's opera, now staged by Richard Gregson and with an impressive cast Jerry Hadley sings offmann, while the poet's three loves are sung by Sumi Jo (Olympia), Leontina Vaduva (Antonia) and Anne Howells (Gluhetta). Gregory Yunsisch takes on the roles of the low rillams Jelfrey Tate is the Royal Opera House, Cover rden, Landon WC2 (071-240 1066/1911), Mon, 7pm. BARBER OF SEVILLE:

Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1066/1911). Mon, 7pm.

BARBER OF SEVILLE: Meanwhile down the road a notable bicentenary is celebrated with another revival. This one is of Jonathan Miller's widely praised.

EVENINGS OUT

JULIAN CRITCHLEY, MP AND AUTHOR OF "HUNG PARLIAMENT"



6 I'd like to go and see Delicatessen. It's been very well reviewed and it's a greedy film which I put on my list as there is no film on at the moment with Julia Roberts in it. She's top of my list. I would like to go and see The Madness of George III by Alan Bennett with Nigel Hawthorne, but the whips won't let me out because of three line votes. I would also like to go and have dinner at Bibendum which is my favourite restaurant in London and I would take my favourite aunt. I'd like to spend a gentle morning at the Victoria and Albert museum in their Staffordshire pottery section. I might go to "The Art of Death" exhibition if only to be reminded of the 1922 committee. 9

English National Opera production of Rossini's opera, re-slaged by John Abulafia, in a clever translation by Amanda and Anthony Holden. Michael Lewis makes his house debut as Figaro, while Einan James sings Rosina. The cast also includes Peter Bronder as Almaviva, Andrew Shore as Bartilo, and Richard Angas as Basilio. Jacek Kaspszyk, another house debutant, conducts Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (071-836 3161; cc 071-240 5258), Wed and next Sat, 7.30pm.

JAZZ.

COURTNEY PINE: Despite the recent backlash against this stylish front-runner of the British jazz revival, Pine is still one of the most excrimg saxophonists around, improvising with flair and dizzy abandon.

Queen's Hall, Edinburgh (031-668 2019), Fri. 8.30pm.

668 2019), Fri, 8.30pm.

Courtney Pine: still a stylish improvisational sax player

MODERN JAZZ
SPECTACULAR: The impressive young pianist, Jason Rebello, plays on a biff with the Guidhalf School of Music Jazz Band and the Clark Tracay Quintet to provide an evening of tresh-laced modern jazz
Barbican Centre, London EC2 (071-638-8991). Fri. 7 45pm.

ROCK
LITTLE VILLAGE: John Hiatt,
Ry Cooder, Nick Lowe and Jim
Keitner come together to form
an intinguing new band.
Supergroups are always hit or
miss affairs — too many egos can
spoil the broth — but this one is
worth a ticket if only to see how
Nick Lowe and Ry Cooder jam
together.
Playhouse, Edinburgh (031-557
2590), tomorrow, 7 45pm.
Hammersmith Odeon, London

Hammersmith Odeon, London W6 (081-741 4868). Tues-Thurs, 7 30pm

ACHANAK: Dynamic dance music from one of the finest exponents of new wave bhangra, a vital mix of traditional indian mythms and western pop An eight-piece band, Achanak won the Best Live Act category in the 1991 Asian Pop Awards.

Waterman's Aris Centre, Brentford, Middlesex (081-5 1176), Fri, 10 30pm.

Tonight sigg is the first in a

monthly series, "Bhangra on the

EXHIBITIONS

VAN GOGH IN ENGLAND: No. there is no great undiscovered English period in Van Gogh's painting to match the wonders of Brabant, Paris, Artes and St-Remy But the time he spent in England 1873 76 was extremely important for his opening his eyes to the social realist work of illustrators and of painters such as l'ierkome Frides, as well as Guslav. Dore's grim views of contemporary London This shore lighter the background, with axamples of the British art which rescineted the painter and ten important Van Gogh paintings.

Barbican Art Gallery Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-538 4141) Mon and Wed-Sat.

10am-6 45pm, Tues, 10am-5 45pm, Sun, moday-6 45pm, from February 27 to May 4

BRICE MARDEN - PRINTS: Emerging in New York in the 1950s. was more or less obliged to be an Abstract Expressionist at the beginning of his career. But he soon moved t a more severe, minimal style. which was gradually modified under the influence of classical architecture. More recently his work has returned to the loose. caligraphic quality of his lirst phase. His ponts, many of the linest in black and white, paralle his painlings, and collectively make up one of the most important bodies of graphic work in recent American art. Tate Gallery, Milibank, SW1 (071-821 1313). Mon-Sat, 10am-5 30pm, Sun, 2-5 30pm, Irom February 26 to June 21.

TEN YEARS OF THE JOHN PLAYER PORTRAIT AWARD: Despite the perennial debate about what a portrait is and just where likeness shades into art, the annual competition at the National Portrait Gallery established a place for itself in the ten years, 1980-89, that it was sponsored by John Player. The unveiling of the last of the direct commissions involved, Tai-Shan Schierenberg's portrait of John Mortimer, of for showing the dozen commissioned portraits together They are generally rather too conservative, perhaps the most

John Mortimer, offers an occasion for showing the dozen commissioned portraits together. They are generally rather too conservative, perhaps the most interesting is the one most argued-over, Airson Watt's 1987 portrait of the Queen Mother. National Portrait Gallery, St Martin's Piace, WC2 (071-306 0055), Mon-Fri, 10am-5pm, Sat. 10am-6pm, Sun, 2-6pm, from February 28 to March 15

THE ART OF DEATH: Our post-Reformation ancestors reacted energetically to the prospect of their own mortality. This exhibition spanning the years from 1500-1800 shows how people surrounded themselves with reminders of death and how they would work hard to commemorate friends and relatives who had died.

Victoria and Albert Museum, Cromwell Road, South Kensington, London, SW7 (071-938 8364), Mon-Sat, 10am-5.40pm, Sun, 2.30-5.40pm, until March 22.

ANDREA MANTEGNA: Since one of Mantegna's grandes! works, the great senes devoted to The Triumphs of Caesar, is part of the royal collection. London seems a logical place to launch this first major retrospective of the painter for many years. Mantegna is unique among 15th-century tretian artists for the impression he gives of passion only just held in check by the disciplines of classical form.

Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, London W1 (071-439 7438), daily, 10am-6pm, until April 5. Sponsored by Olivetti.

SALEROOMS

MONDAY: Robin Fenner's sale of books and collectors items in Tavistock includes documents relating to Lord Haw-Haw, and a number of old railway station

signs.

Robin A. Fenner, Slannary
Gallery, Drake Road, Tavislock,
Devon (0822 617799).

TUESDAY: Philips offer both old master paintings and English, continental and oak furniture at 11am, and suitable frames for the paintings might be found at Bonhams at the same time. The latter should range between about £100 and £2,000
Philips, 101 New Bond Street, London W1 (071-629 6602).
Bonhams, Montpeller Street, SW7, (071-584 9151).

WEDNESDAY: At Stourbridge, Giles Haywood's sale of paintings and furniture begins at 10 30am. In Shroopshire Walker Barnett & Hill of Wolverhampton have taken the Park House Hotel at Shifnal for their sale of English and continental furniture, 11am, white at the same time in Guildford, Hampton's have a Temers tavem scene among their paintings, watercolours and

prints.
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& Hill, Clarence Street,
Wolverhampton, (0902
773531) Hamptons, 93 High
Street, Godalming, Surrey,
(0483 423567)

THURSDAY: Christie's, South

Kensington's British ceramic sale includes Julian Critchley's collection of Staffordshire figures. 10.30am. Half the morning session of Sotheby's silver sale, 11am and 2 30pm, is taken up by the remarkable set of plate commissioned by the 2nd Lord Newborough in the 1820s. The family history was as romantically eccentric as the plate is splended A pair of soup ns could make up to 980,000 and a silver-grit tray up to £70,000 Also at 11am Christie's have an English furniture sale lesturing a formidable early Victorian Gothic mahogan secretaire bookcase (up to \$20,000). Bloomsbury Book Auctions have a lirst edition of Treasure Island at up to \$2,200. Christie's, South Kens 85 Old Brompton Road, London SW7 (071-581 7611). Sotheby's, New Bond Street, London W1 (071-493 8080) Christie's, King Street, St James's, London SW1 (071-839 9060). Bloomsbury Book Auctions, 3 & 4 Hardwick Street, London EC1 (071-833

DANCE

ENGLISH NATIONAL
BALLET: As part of a inple bill, the company presents a new work by Robert North. Entitled A Stranger I Came; the piece is set to Schubert songs and is designed by Andrew Storer Following its premiere in Cambridge, the piece is taken on ENB's small-scale spring tour together with Christopher Bruce's Swansong and Balanchine's Apolio.

Arts Theatre, Cambridge

(0223 352000), today, 2,30pm and Bpm. Towngate Theatre. Basildon (0268 532632), Mon Tues, 7.30pm, mai Tues. 2.30pm Coronation Hall, Ulversion (0229 52299). Thursnext Sat, 7 30pm, mat Fit, 1 30pm MANON: Kenneth MacMillan's passionate ballet, based on the story by Abbe Prevost, makes a welcome return to the Royal Ballet repertoire. Wednesday's opening night cast features risingstar Viviana Durante as the self-destructive 18th-century French courtesan, with Irek Mukhamedov as her impoverished lover Des Gneux A great story. and a great ballet Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240) 1066), Wed, 7 30pm.

UNION DANCE COMPANY:
Following a national tour. Union brings its Stap Up in Tempo programme to London for two nights at the Lilian Baylis. Theatre, the small venue attached to Sadler's Wells. A mixed bill brings many themes — love, boxing and the joys of urban living — and includes choreography by the popular dancemaker, Tom

Lillan Baylis Theatre, Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (071-278 6563), Fn. next Sat, 7.45pm.

BOOKINGS

STARS FROM THE BOLSHOL BALLET: Boishoi balierina Natalya Bessmertnova is leading a company of 30 dancers on an extensive British tour from April until July visiting 27 venues. Under the direction of Bolshoi director Yuri Grigorovich, the group will perform two prograr including the second acts of Swan Lake and Giselle presented with a selection of divertiss tour is designed to bring a taste of the Bolshoi to venues too small to modate the full company. Dates in April: Orchard, Kent 0322 343333). 12. Dominion London (071-580 9562), 13-18. Pavillon, Bournemouth (0202 297297), 20-23. Pavillon, Plymouth (0752 229922), 24, 25. De Montfort Half. Leicester (0533) 544444), 28-29. **Regent**, ipswich (0473 281480), April 30-May 2.

REFLECTED GLORY: Ronald Harwood's new play follows the elationship of two brothers. one a successful restaurateur and the other, a playwinght. The cast includes Albert Finney and Stephen Moore in the leading roles under the direction of Elijah Moshinsky. The production receives a short four before a proposed West End showing Alexandra, Birminoham (021) 633 3325), February 24-29 Hippodrome, Bristol (0272) Royal, Brighton (0273 28488). (061-236 9922) March 16-22 Grand, Leeds (0532

45935 1/440971). March 23-28

ROYAL SHAKESPEARE

COMPANY: The company marks
its len years at the Barbican
with the first London showing of
Adrian Noble's highly
acclaimed production of Henry IV
Parts 1 and 11, direct from
Noble's first season in Strattord
upon-Avon as artistic director
The cast includes Robert Stephens
as Falstaff, Michael Maloney as
Prince Hal, and Julian Glover as
Henry IV

Henry IV Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (081-638 8891) Previews from March 26, opens March 31 Booking opens February 26

VIDEOS

EVERYBODY'S FINE
(RCA/Columbia, PG): Marcello
Mastroianni's Sicilian old-timer
makes surprise visits to his five
children, but finds only
decaption and turbulence. Bittersweet drama from Cinema
Paradiso director, erratic in
inspiration but defity

performed. 1990.

JAN SVANKMAJER FILMS
(Connolsseur): Once seen, never forgotten. Two new tappes present eleven gleefully ghoulish and satirical films by the surreal genius of Czech animation. The brilliantly effective featurelength Alice (based on Lewis Carroll) is also available.

Carroll) is also available.

LA REGLE DU JEU
(Connosseur, PG): Jean Renoir's
lacerating yet deepty humane
portrait of French society, sean
from the viewpoint of the hosts,
guests and below-stairs staff at a
country house party. Marcel
Dalio as the Jewish Marquis;
Renoir himself as the muddled,
love-lorn Octave. One of the
unassailable classics. 1939



a mission in Terminator 2
TERMINATOR 2: JUDGMENT
DAY (Guild, 18): Good robot Arnold
Schwarzenegger battles bad
robot Robert Patrick, who can

schwarzenegger battles bed robot Robert Patrick, who can assume the form of anything he tancies and walk through iron bars. A gleaming showpiece for special effects, but the humans get short shrift, Director, James Cameron, with Linda Hamilton 1991

Film: Geoff Brown: Theatre: Jeremy Kingston: Classical Music and Opera: Stephen Pethtt: Rock and Jazz: Stephenie Osbome: Dance: Debra Craine: Exhibitions: John Russell Taylor: Videos: Geoff Brown. Bookings: Kan Knight. Salerooms: Huon Mallatieu Break

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Innocence is often such bliss



Research Line All Na

Lynne Truss watches the women who have stepped out of relative obscurity into the all-seeing eye of the television cameras

he term "a sheltered life" has rather vivid connotations, to my mind. Principally, it makes me think of old ladies in rain hats huddling in chilly bus shelters, with umbrellas dribbling against their shopping bags. Defining it less literalmindedly is more difficult, perhaps because the only sheltered ife anyone ever finds truly astonishing is their own. I mean, gadzooks, was I really 24 before I bought a pair of green tights? Amazing to think of all those wasted, blinkered, honey-beige years. On the other hand, if someone tells me: "Do you know, I never had a Curly-Wurly till I was 29". I feel a chasm of blankness open before me. How can one imagine life without Curly-Wurlies? Where would you start?

The fulcrum between innocence and experience seemed to feature quite heavily in television this week what with Everyman (BBC1) talking to Australian ex-nuns about their sheltered convent life, and Bookmark (BBC2) affectionately dramatising the miniature village-gossip adventures of the novelist Barbara Pym. But it was most crucial of all to the new Sunday teatime series Hannah Hauxwell: Innocent Abroad (1TV), a programme that relies rather too heavily, perhaps, on the belief that an audience can watch someone waking up to their first Curly-Wurly, and somehow find it

interesting.

Hannah, a white-haired Dales woman who was filmed in 1973 cheerfully subsisting on a bleak, cold hilltop farm (without running water or electricity), is in this series packed off to Europe and observed confronting a world beyond her ken. It's a sort of "noble savage" idea, I think (meaning no offence). Previously she had never been on a boat, except to travel between North Shields and South Shields. Now she sails for France. Previously, she had never tasted an alcoholic drink. Now she takes a tiny sip of champagne, so as not to offend a pushy Parisian during a river-boat dinner.

Since Miss Hauxwell is a celebrity, there is no hint that her "innocence" is being patronised or made fun of. She is not starring in a Doris Day movie — or in Greystoke, either. She does not tell

turn all the namby-pamby lights out. So what is the point, exactly? She is pleasant, sensible and wellinformed and endlessly polite in the face of new experience. "That's very nice," she says, quite often. When she wrestles briefly with the ring-pull on a tin of Perrier water, the scene is obviously not meant to be cruel or funny — but nor is it, alas, a moment of epiphany. "Oh brave new world, that has these tins of drink in it" is not something she says. If she is impressed by anything, she does not really "let on". When all is said and done, you see, she is from Yorkshire.

So, if you can stand the initial analogy to be extended any further, the programme basically takes someone who has famously been deprived of Curly-Wurlies. and gives them one. It then asks:
"Is this the first time you've ever had a Curty-Wurty?" "Yes, it is." "And what do you think of it?"
"It's very nice." "Very nice? Is that
all you can say?" "Well, very nice. thank you." And that's it.

Plays and novels, of course, often make the transitions between innocence and experience slightly more interesting. In Tuesday's Rides (BBCI), for example, we were given the intriguing (though implausible) example of the no-nonsense Patrice (Jill Baker), who manages to be ultra-tough yet breathtakingly naïve at one and the same moment. Patrice has spent the past umpteen years in the army, but has now slipped into some civilian mufti (from C&A. it looks like) and thrown all her parade-ground expertise into launching a mini-cab firm in Dalston. So successful is this venture that she gets overwhelmed with business ("I need more drivers!") without anyone ever phon-

ing and asking for a cab. Why, then, is she so slow to spot ne'er-do-wells and obvious criminals among her male drivers? Perhaps the sheltered life of the army protected her from television serials, with the result that she doesn't spot a corny plot-line when

I mean, a shifty-looking tyke (whose eyebrows meet in the middle) sets up a special "courier"



Village gossip: Patricia Routledge, Marcia Warren and Ian McNeice making a virtue out of ordinariness in last week's *Bookmark*

up, Patrice! It's drugs! These television people are making a patsy out of you! They are even filming you running through the city in a track suit, to the accompaniment of up-beat Cagney and Lacey-type music! Where have you been? Next week they'll be having you stop, panting, at a hot-dog stand, and buying a Curly-Wurly. Perhaps she should have stayed

huddled in the barracks bus shelter, after all. There is really no disgrace in it. If some people bite more than they can chew, equally there are other, more inherently cautious people who deliberately chew more than they bite off. I was terribly impressed, for example, by the bruised looking women in this week's 40 Minutes (BBC2) who had gone out in search of an ideal husband, service, collecting packages regularly from Heathrow — and marrying blokes serving life sento draw her an ice-cold bath and Patrice just thinks it's great. Wise tences for murder. What stagger- precisely the tiny amount she had tiniest wince, which said it all. only a distraction.

ing self-knowledge they displayed. and what good sense (unless, of course, the bloke gets parole). It solves so many routine marital problems: the snoring, the discarded socks, the worrying whether he's out murdering somebody. Bless him, you'd hardly know he

inally, to the wistful Barbara Pym Bookmark, in which Patricia Routledge impersonated the novelist on a certain day in 1977, when she travelled to town for the Booker Prize dinner (she had been shortlisted for Ouartet in Autumn, her first published book in 14 years). Here was a devout, humorous woman who knew better than to reach for unsuitable Curly-Wurlies; who, without any selfpity, made a virtue of the sheltered

bitten off (English genteel village life, clerical amours, etc) and masticated it with intense thoroughness. God is in the details, as they say.

Mixing fictional characters with real people (Jilly Cooper and A.N. Wilson sort of straddling the line). director James Runcie handled this special day with great delica-We are so accustomed to Patricia Routledge's vivid perfor-mances in Alan Bennett or Victoria Wood ("Good evening, my name's Kitty. I've had a boob off and I can't stomach whelks, so that's me for you"), that it was amazing to see her springing fresh as a daisy into a comic-pathetic role so very muted and quiet. Runcie re-created an interview for The Book Programme in which Will Wyatt suggested that the lives of her characters could be called

What interested her, she said modestly, was failure. She had always had sympathy for people

who failed. "We are all thrown back on ourselves in the end," she said, in voiceover. Having failed to win the Booker Prize (and reacting with perfect, heart-breaking bravery on hearing that the winner is Paul Scott), she returns alone by moonlight to the house in Oxfordshire she shares with her sister. The fictional characters are preparing for bed - making a hot drink. reading recipe books, cleaning their teeth. Her real sister, Hilary, puts out the milk bottles. There is nothing fey about this; the point, I think, is that they are equally human, and equally thrown back on themselves in the end. Know-ledge of mortality, perhaps, goes hand in hand with the sheltered

PREVIEW

• The Addams Family (Monday, BBC2, opm)

Somewhere in the vaults of a BBC archive, a door creaks open and a distant, mulfiled theme tune is heard beyond cobwebby walls. It goes sort of "Da-da-da-dum teliekclick); Da-da-da-dum (click-click). It is The Addams Family. cheerfully exhuming itself after 20 years of lying ashen-faced in coffins — thanks to the success of Barry Sonnenfeld's movie. Will the film spoil the joke for new viewers? It can hardly fail, really. But such negative thoughts are rather appropriate in this context. "Are you unhappy, darling?"

"Oh, yes, yes! Completely." Both series and film are based on Charles Addams's New Yorker cartoons ("Well, don't come whining to me. Go tell him you'll poison him right back"), and peg away at the same basic reversal gag - viz. that weird is relative. In this first episode, Morticia (Carolyn Jones) keeps the gruesome kiddies home from school because their heads are being filled with happy fairy-

● Take Your Pick (Monday, ITV, Spm!

More shock of the new with this one, too. I'm afraid. The old Michael Miles show - complete with Box 13, the booby prize, the "yes-no interlude" and the audience cry of "Take the money Open the box!" — has been dusted down and handed to Des O'Connor "You didn't shake your head in

dishelief then, did you" "I most certainly did, Des." "Will you be watching on Monday?"

"I will not, Des." "Was that a No" "Yes."

Gong...

 Arena: The Incredible Case of Comrade Rockstar

Friday, BBC2, Opm Dean Reed may not be a name familiar to western pop-pickers (if you'll pardon the expression), but mention his name in Vladivostok and you'll be surprised at the response.

Variously described by the publicity for this Arena as "the Red Elvis" and "the Red Sinatra" (he is surely either one or the other - you can't really be both). Reed was the biggest rock star the communist world ever knew, selling millions of records. He was even awarded the Lenin Prize. Based on Reggie Nadelson's book Comrade Rockstar, Leslie Woodhead's film follows Dean Reed's bizarre career

which started innocently enough in Colorado, and went on to include such surreal events as performing for Daniel Ortega in Nicaragua, and singing My Yiddisher Momma 10

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Breaking the Morse code

he final episode in the fifth series of *Inspector* Morse, entitled "Promised Land", left a disillusioned Morse alone on the steps of Sydney Opera House while Der Rosenkavalier soared on the soundtrack.

Some viewers were afraid that this was the last we would see of the dyspeptic detective, but they need not have worried: the sixth series of Inspector Morse begins on Wednesday and airs in alternate weeks until after Easter. And contrary to reports, a seventh — and final — series is scheduled for 1993.

Now the race is on among rival television companies to find a successor to Britain's most popular detective, although with his erudition and rueful humour. Morse will be a tough act to follow. " wanted him to be very clever," Colin Dexter, his creator, says. "I've always enjoyed people who can do crosswords in two minutes. They have a cerebral quickness and the ability to come to a conclusion — even if it's the wrong one — without hesitation. Morse was rather like Athena who sprang from the head of Zeus, fully grown and fully blown. In spite of the television series he has not altered in my mind."

This may be due, in part, to the skill of the scriptwriters. most of whom have remained faithful to Dexter's original character. Writer Julian Mitchell gave Morse the following line in "Promised Land": "I'm old and unmarried and don't understand human nature." This echoes Raymond Chandler's description of his detective: "A fellow of Marlowe's type shouldn't get married . . . I see him always in a lonely street, in lonely rooms, puznever quite zied, but defeated."

Morse's lacklustre competitors - Wexford, Taggart, Maigret and Van der Valk are middle-aged married men. Of those limbering up on the starting line the BBC's Resnick is separated, LWT's Stern is divorced and Anglia's Macrae is embroiled in the aftermath of two failed marriages. Only YTV's Frost is happily hitched.

Detective Inspector Charlie Resnick has so far had three difficult cases on paper. His fourth, Off Minor, will be The success of *Inspector Morse* has given birth to a new generation of TV cops



Oxford blues: John Thaw and lost love Joanna David

published by Viking at the end of March when the jazzloving, cat-keeping fatty makes his debut on the small screen. Lonely Hearts, starring Tom Wilkinson and directed by Bruce Macdon-ald, is a gritty tale of murder and misery in Nottingham. It has been adapted into three parts by John Harvey, Resnick's creator.

The hero of Sam Saturday is Sam Stern (Ivan Kaye), a 30-year-old detective inspector in the Met. Alvin Rakoff, who devised, co-directed and co-produced the series for Cinema Verity, decided to make him Jewish. "His background in Talmudic logic assists him in his deduc-

tions," Mr Rakoff says. "He stresses the rational and intellectual aspects of detection as opposed to the physical; and his awareness of the problems facing minorities makes him more compassionate."

His first outing, in "late spring", begins with the dumping of a model's corpse on Hampstead Heath, but another body proves to be more trouble — his mother moves in with him.

If such tender-hearted coppers seem to be a symptom of the so-called caring 1990s. Thief Taker, Detective Superintendent George Macrae, promises to provide a healthy corrective. Alan Scholefield. his creator, describes him as

GUILTY SECRETS: PETER SCUDAMORE



"Auf Wiedersehen Pet is my favourite programme of all time, but it's not on any more. I think Only Fools and Horses is probably the best thing on television at the moment. I watch all the old things, ike The Rise and Fall of Reginald Perrin, and I used to love Tony Hancock, but I don't like any of this new rubbish. I usually watch A Question of Sport, and the one

thing I do watch every evening at 8.15pm is the Daily Racing Review on SIS (Satellite Information Services). Before I got satellite television. Martin Pipe, the trainer, used to video the day's racing for me. I always watch it, I know it's very boring, but it's a form book to me."

"a dinosaur stuck in the time warp of the mid-1970s when the police did what they had to do to solve a crime. He can't understand how the Met has changed."

The Scottish heavy is parmeted by Detective Ser-geant Leopold Silver, a Jew-ish wit. Resnick, though, does not have a sidekick. "I thought it would be more interesting to work on a wider

canvas," Mr Harvey says.
"The thing that interests
me most about policemen is not how they type up their reports, but the way they are different from the rest of society." Mr Scholefield says. The rate of alcoholism, stress, divorce and debt among policemen is higher than average. They perceive themselves to be misunderstood. This is why they are drawn to closed societies like the Masons.

t will be at least a year before Macrae and Silver hit the streets of London. R.D. Wingfield's Detective Inspector Frost is scheduled to patrol from the autumn. Produced by Don Lever, whose previous credits in-clude the excellent *Prime* Suspect, A Touch of Frost features David Jason as "a street copper who does things that other policeman would

Unconventionality, like compassion, has become the convention. Naturally Frost has "a tremendous understanding of people's prob-lems". In Mr Harvey's words good detective drama, like good detective fiction, should be about "real places and real people. Characters should not be introduced just to kill and be killed."

It is not so much a question of transcending genre as of exploiting the potential of the form. In many ways Inspector Morse is not a whodunit at all. It is more concerned with pace than with Pace the Police and Criminal Evidence Act. The whys count for more than the whos. The central relationship between Morse and Lewis is the real focus of attention. Theirs is a true working marriage.

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Amateur theatre

long ago outgrew its "amateurish"

caricature, writes Richard Morrison

he phrase "for love or money" has its uses, but is surely too precise in its pigeon-holing to be of much use in the theatre. Last Wednesday, Kenneth Rea's article in The Times lifted the lid on the reality of being a "top actor": stars prepared to appear for £165 a week, simply in order to do worthwhile live-theatre work. These are professionals motivated by love.

Now, a glimpse of the other side: the amateur theatre world, as chronicled in a hundred delightful anecdotes and a thousand telling statistics in the new yearbook of the Little Theatre Guild of Great Britain. None of the 64 drama groups in the LTG is motivated by money, of course — yet one of the most striking themes of the book is the growing professionalism ap-parent at the top end of the amateur world.

Here are marvellous plans for buying state-of-the-art lighting boards; here is a tale of raising a £100.000 loan to re-build a theatre, and of re-paying £90,000 within four years; and here is talk of "computerised spreadsheets" to control production budgets. The Questors Theatre in Ealing offers 22 productions in a year, and embarks on a £150,000 programme to make its theatre accessible for the disabled. The Loft Theatre in Learnington Spa presents five Samuel Beckett plays in one evening (short plays, admit-tedly); and the New Venture in Brighton offers a season including Barrie Keeffe, Tennessee Williams, Christopher Hampton, James Saunders, Shakespeare and Denis



Professional preparation for an amateur record: London rehearsals in September 1991, for the nationwide premiere of John Godber's Happy Families

How can that stale caricature of amateur theatre - freezing church halls, collapsing scenery, forgotten lines - survive the evidence of this level of achievement? These may be "little theatres" in physical terms ("no member of the audience is more than four feet from the stage," boasts the Whitefield Garrick Society in Manchester), but their ambitions are enormous.

Which is not to deny that the amateurs have their setbacks. The horror stories in the yearbook only increase admiration for their determination. "The building work proved less than successful, with huge cracks appearing in our newly-laid concrete floor. As soon as the season ended, a massive clearing out operation made things ready for the return of the builders, who re-laid the floor. Now the floor has cracked again, and we have to go through the whole operation next year, for the third summer running. Then, the Environmental Health Officer declared our kitchen unfit for the serving of food."
That was Lewes Theatre Club, which still managed a season of Storey, Bolt, Ayckbourn, Shaw, Whitemore and Stoppard.

Environmental Health Officers and their recommendations figure in several reports. "During the closed season, we had intended to re-decorate the auditorium, but unfortunately the Environmental Health Officer has taken precedence," reports the Dunstable Theatre Club, with a touch worthy of N.F. Simpson.

Several seasons began shakily, either because of an Act of God -"gales caused severe damage to the

gable end of the building, necessitating a complete rebuild" - or because of acts of goddesses: "our autumn season got off to a fraught start when we learned that Private Lives was unavailable, owing to Joan Collins's touring production." And there are reports of competitive triumphs, great and small: one company carried off both the "Pat Phoenix Cup" from the Greater Manchester Drama Federation, and the Bury Times award for the "best cup of tea served at any theorem in the Bury trans"

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Amateurs still possess the vital ability to laugh at themselves - not a trait invariably encountered on the professional boards. Here is the Lancaster Footlights Chub, puz-zling over its audience surveys. "They seemed to prove nothing conclusive about the preferences of

our audiences, but did show that our biggest fans are women aged 50 and over. An explanation of this is eagerly awaited."

hat of the taste in plays? In some respects the amateurs mirror the typical fare of the professional rep theatre in the regions. Ayckbourn is far ahead of the field with 27 productions; John Godber second with 19. That figure was collated before the LTG's coup last October, of mounting 50 simultaneous productions of Godber's Happy Families, commissioned with British Telecom sponsorship: "the biggest premiere in the principle." in theatrical history".

Shakespeare, long at the top of the table, slips to third place (Macbeth being most popular):

and there were only four other pre-1800 English plays performed in the whole LTG list. Yet some intrepid amateurs tackled Strind-berg, Ibsen, Molière, Brecht, Che-khov and O'Neill.

Why do they do it? Clearly they love the theatre; perhaps the more fanatic are obsessed with the whole "putting on a play" experience.
That possibly explains why, in the list of most performed plays, the first (Harris's Stepping Out), second (Ayckbourn's Chorus of Disapproval) and joint third (Frayn's Noises Offi are shows about neonle Noises Off) are shows about people putting on shows. Good to know that the smell of the greasepaint still exerts its magical hold.

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WHATEVER else might be said about it. Abbey Lincoin's second album for Verve at least bears an appropriate title. It is not often that musicians of the calibre of Stan Getz, pianist Hank Jones and bassist Charlie Haden are gathered together in the same studio as

They perform with all the aplomb that we have come to expect. Getz, who finally succumbed to cancer within four months of this session, carves out one exceptional solo after another. While the timbre may sometimes be harsher than usual, the underlying lyricism is still instantly recognisable. Jones, who seldom seems to get the credit he deserves, is the sort of ener-getic but sensitive accompa-nist that singers dream of working with.

On the other hand Lincoln - singer, actress, activist and the former Mrs Max Roach - will provoke mixed reactions. True, she is an individualist who, like Betty Carter, could hardly be mistaken for anyone else; her experience in acting lends dramatic colour to each song. But her thick, husky delivery has its limita-tions, especially when matched with her penchant for lumbering tempos and her unorthodox sense of

There are times - as on her recent tribute to Billie Holiday - when she makes the criticisms appear irrelevant. It could be argued that she is at her most persuasive in concert rather than in the studio. There are passages here where singer and song are well matched: the pathos of "Brother Can You Spare A Dime?" offers an example. On other selections, especially those where Lincoln has supplied the lyrics, you find yourself waiting for Getz or Jones to make their entry.

At the time of her small group and orchestral recordings for the American Decca label - between 1944 and 1950 - Billie Holiday's voice still sounded relatively untainted by drug abuse. The diligently assembled two-disc set, an essential purchase for collectors, includes striking versions of "Lover Man". "Don't Explain" and "My Man". Even some of the more ments cannot detract from the haunting tone of Holiday's voice.

CLIVE DAVIS

HILARIOUS...

Engaging nincompoop

THEATRE A Woman is a Weathercock Pentameters, Hampstead

NATHAN FIELD is reputed to have created the role of Desdemona, when he acted with the King's Men in 1604. He was then 16 years old. Unlike Master Betty two centuries later, he did not vanish into obscurity with adolescence but became one of the most popular actors of his day, Ben Jonson's favourite and a scallywag.

Putting the choirboy behaviour of his Chapel Royal days behind him, he fathered an illegitimate child on the Countess of Argyll and turned dramatist. He wrote this play when he was 22 and made amends for its presumed criticism of women in a later

Like so many of the works of the lesser Jacobeans, Weathercock has lain unperformed for well over 300 years. Though Graham Watts's revival for his newlyformed Trampoline Produc-tions shows Field's understanding of feminine psychology to be meagre, he learly knew how to shape a drama and weave three or four plots in a whole. Better still, his lolloping young knight. Sir Abraham Ninny, is a lovely comic creation. absurd yet unexpectedly revealed to possess courage and

Pentameters Theatre is on the first floor of the Three Horseshoes, Hampstead, where the odour of wet cement drifts up the stairs from the almost refurbished pub below. The stage itself, unusual in a pub theatre, is raised and trapdoors open to reveal a sunken bed, a treasure chest and a small pond where characters peer at their reflections and discover they are better-looking than they dared to think.

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The misogynist rant of Scudmore, rejected by his Bellafront (Nicola Branson). is the play's weakness, per-formed here by a tight-lipped Malcolm Freeman. His mania lacks variety of expression and there is altogether too much of it. Field's strength lies in his comic observation of a scheming underclass, notably Pendant, whose name conveys his character as a hanger-on. Acutely played by Paul Ritter, he comes across as a sort of

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Blackadder with a sour plum in his mouth.

The newly-knighted Ninny



is Pendant's gull - a nincompoop, certainly, hung about with love-tokens, but Angus Barnet reveals his endearing enthusiasm, the sincerity of his struggle to improve the scansion of his dreadful sonnets, and a panting eagerness for life that makes him wholly engaging.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Part choral masque, part ballet, part music for resitation part ballet, part music for recitation, Stravin-sky's Persephone is as am-phibious as its heroine between worlds, between the theatre and the concert hall. But the score spends most of its time on the shelf.

Stravinsky wrote it for a stage production, with its sequence of luminous hymns and interludes to be danced under the supervision of two living statues: an actressreciter as Perséphone and a tenor as her priest. Covent Garden used to do an Ashton version occasionally. And as Stravinsky recognised, parts of the piece do sound as if something ought to be going on. As he also recognised, it could do with new words: Jide's rhymes are leaden, the long speeches more Alma

Tadema than Botticelli. The music, though, is full of great ideas waiting to break free, as BBC forces under David Atherton demonstrated on Wednesday (Festival Hall/Radio 3). Some of these constrained arrows point to other works: the wonderful sharp tonic summons at the start, for instance, joining women's voices to a jangle of piano-percussion noise as at the beginning of Stravinsky's other choral ballet, Les noces, or the stilled shimmering harmony of the close, recall-

ing the Symphony of Psalms. However, Persephone was as much a one-off as everything else Stravinsky wrote. There is nothing quite like the tenor solo, much of it chant-

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ing around a high monotone in the manner of a Russian deacon: John Aler did it here with a ringing thrill. Also unique is the grace of the music for women's and children's voices, beautifully sung by the BBC Singers, BBC Symphony Chorus and New London Children's Choir. The piece is above all, of

course, a wonder of orchestral colour, and this performance fairfy tumbled and 9 from the grand peal of bell sounds at the main climax to the judicious matching of piano and wind at the start of the second scene, so that oboes and horns seemed to bloom out of the resonance, or from the exquisite companionship of soft string ensembles to the fierce racket when Perséphone is restored to earth. One was glad, too, of a light-footed narrator in

Laurence Bouvard. If any work of Stravinsky's could rival Persephone for being neglected, it would be his other story of a trip to Hades, Orpheus, written 13 years later in 1947. This time there is no problem of genre: the score is for a normal orchestra and works perfectly well as a concert piece. It

probably gets overlooked largely because it always has been. Once again Atherton and the BBC Symphony Or-chestra brought a dusty score spectacularly to life.

f course, playing the work from strength did not mean missing its special strain and fragility. the way lines are teased into aching angular shapes, so that each note seems to have been placed with care. Nor did it mean missing the atmosphere of regret and remembrance that hangs about the piece, and that was present especially here in the slow falling harp scales, like dry teardrops, and in the playing of oboes and trumpet. But there was room too for a wrenching sacrificial dance. The day before, in the

Oueen Elizabeth Hall, had come another lively evening. from the young German pianist Lars Vogt. Someone who builds a programme out of late Haydn, late Beethoven and late Brahms is obviously serious, but there is nothing at all pretentious in Vogt's playing: his performances came as glasses of cool mineral water, pure and refreshing.

He certainly has the wit, too, for Haydn: this was a won-derfully risk-taking but com-pletely secure race through the finale of the Londonperiod C major sonata. He also has the feeling for rhythmic placing and nuance of colour to give a lucid account of Brahms's last piano set. And it was good to hear in his Op 111 a young man's late Beethoven, with a nice limber way of projecting different tempos at the same time.

Equally rare and pleasing was his balance of the known with the new: a wild set of Schubert variations by Helmut Lachenmann, from a long way before he began deconstructing himself, and a short sonata in a rather Scriabinesque vein by Tatiana Komarova. The Haydn, Brahms and Lachenmann are all included on his first recital disc, from EMI.

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BERLIOZ's Benvenuto Cel-lini closes with that statue of Perseus, clutching the severed head of Medusa, arising from the sculptor's furnace. Any opera company rash enough to embark on the opera without a tenor sufficiently robust to carry the long and high-lying title role or without the resources to stage the Roman Carnival, which provides the score's best known music, is likely to have its own head chopped off. These are two good reasons why the work is so rarely performed, despite the continuing wave

of affection for Berlioz.

Geneva answers both demands triumphantly. Francesca Zambello, who proved herself something of a showgirl with the Earls Court Tosca provides spectacle in plenty and, when Cellini turns more serious, offers insights on the artist as hero, a subject very dear to the heart of Berlioz. Cellini, like Puccini's Tosca, sings that he lives through love and art and, like Tosca, he becomes a murderer in Rome. Unlike Tosca, he lives to tell the tale. Chris Merritt, in a grandiose performance, makes it clear that Cellini will win his girl, create a masterpiece and generally sail away on clouds

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Zambello stages the first half of Cellini as commedia dell'arte, with farcical goings-on in the bedroom of Cellini's beloved Teresa, followed by the harlequinade which forms the centre of Rome's pre-Lenten carnival. She fills the stage with dazzling movement, almost in the style of Prokofiev's Romeo and Juliet before the daggers

are drawn.

Deborah Riedel, an Australian soprano whose coloratura runs show hints of the young Sutherland but with a sumptuousness of voice that suggests a Tannhäuser Elisabeth in the making, is an outstanding Teresa: Her fellow countryman, Jeffrey Black, makes Fieramosca a redoubtable rival to Cellini, even when supped of his

Merritt's Cellini, bearded and burly, carries none of the aristocracy of Nicolai Gedda. who made this part so much his own in the Seventies. Instead he begins as a rois-

roaring boys (expertly cast) for assistants. Only after the death of Pompeo is there a glimpse of Cellini the artist, as John Macfarlane neatly switches his carnival set into a metallic workshop. Here Perseus, watched by the Pope (a rare and welcome European appearance from The Mer's Paul Plishka), emerges from the midst of more smoke and red flame than was ever seen in Niebelheim. An apology was made on behalf of Mer-ritt for indisposition. No need: a few notes excepted, he scaled the heights like the simple shepherd for whom Cellini expresses envy in his great aria, "Sur les monts les plus sauvages".

There were some judicious cuts, over which there can be little complaint, as Berlioz's score is rather more leisurely than the timetable the Pope set Cellini to create his Perseus. Under John Nelson's exuberant conducting Berlioz's artist-hero infuses life into all those around him, except, of course for poor slaughtered Pompeo. To-night's performance goes out live to 24 countries, courtesy the EBU, including the UK via Radio 3 (7pm). Tune in.

JOHN HIGGINS



Grandiose sculptor: Chris Merritt in the title role





Sharing a classic pleasure



Frances Bissell, The Times

cook, salutes the Italians' love of cooking and eating, and their willingness to pass the secrets on

he unselfconscious familiarity with food and the willingness of restaurant staff to share their knowledge is one of the things that draw me back to Italy. From the famous restaurants of Milan and Rome to the simplest local trattoria. everyone is an expert. They can tell you how to make a pasta sauce, give you a fool-proof risotto recipe. describe how balsamic rinegar is made, introduce you to the local liqueurs, debate the merits of zampone over cotecchino, and, above all, take plea-sure in your pleasure in the food you are eating. Nothing is too

In one restaurant, the maître d'hôtel wheeled a trolley to the table containing large white bowls of raw vegetables and salad leaves, several different bottles of olive oil and more of vinegars. As we were in the Fini in Modena, several of these bottles contained their own balsamic vinegar. The vegetables were not sliced or shredded, but were whole carrots, heads of celery, bulbs of fennel, different red chicories, all in impeccable crisp condition, simply washed and trimmed. We ate the best

In the busy restaurant, the maltre took 15 minutes to prepare a salad, slicing the celery and the fennel, breaking up the chicory and teasing out the rocket, and willing the salad into the deep piling the salad into two deep square bowls. He then mixed a simple dressing. Yet another maitre mixed a simple dressing of extra virgin olive oil, sea salt, black pepper and balsamico, which he then folded into the salad. It was a joy to watch this artist at work and then eat what he had created; the celery and fennel were sweet and crisply fresh, the rocket peppery and the chicory the perfect bitter

One irresistible dish at Fini is

tortellini in a cream sauce and baked. To make at home, though, it is a feast for high days and holidays, as it is rather time-consuming. Much easier is the tagliatelle recipe created by Nonna Giuditta, who with her husband Telesforo Fini founded the restaurant, from humble be-ginnings as a small food shop with a kitchen at the back. The shop is still there, next to the restaurant in Piazza San Francesco

The risotto and the breakfast recipes were given to me by Signor Cattani, who makes balsamic vinegar at the Casa del Balsamico on the outskirts of Modena. He showed me how balsamico is made and aged in a succession of small barrels. It will keep almost indefinitely — he showed me a bottle, of which I was allowed to draw the cork and smell, which had been made by an ancestor in the 18th century.

A little balsamico goes a long way: I use it in warm sauces, such as the one described below, sparingly in salad dressings, and the older, thicker (and more expenbalsamico tradizionale I sorinkle on Parmesan cheese.

Italians are lucky in having both wealth of Mediterranean fruit and vegetables very early in the year, and crisp northern vegeta-bles from the Veneto. In early January, the mercato del erbe in Bologna was piled high with several varieties of oranges, lem-ons and citrons from Sicily, as well as artichokes and courgettes from the south. In Bologna we ate the vegetables in the classic fritto miso; in Rome, sliced and grilled, or in the case of artichokes, deep fried and then smashed flat in the Roman Jewish dish of carciofi alla giudia (I will give the recipe for this dish in the spring, once the price of artichokes has come down

I recommend grilled vegetables as a starter, particularly if you have a ridged, cast-iron grill or



griddle, which gives a charcoalstriped effect to the vegetables.

Aubergines: Slice them (not too thinly) lengthways. Salt lightly, as this softens them. They do not need salting to "disgorge", or draw out their bitterness, since modern Dutch aubergines are without bitterness. Leve them for 20 minutes are several them for 30 minutes or so and then rinse and dry them thoroughly. Brush with extra virgin olive oil and put them on the grill, which has been lightly brushed with oil, and then heated thoroughly. Turn and grill them on the other side until done. Courgettes: Slice and wipe them. Brush with olive oil and grill on both sides. Like the aubergines, they are easier to handle if sliced lengthways and not too thin.

Peppers: Quarter them lengthways and remove the seeds and pith. Put them, skin side down, on the grill and once the skin has loosened, as the pepper cooks, peel off the skin and then grill on the Potatoes: These are remarkably nice grilled. Par boil them in water (or, even better, in stock), drain, dry, brush with oil and grill both sides. Slices of peeled celeriac will cook in the same way, as will slices

of kohl rabi. Note: The vegetables can be served with a scattering of sea salt. a little more olive oil and, if you like, a splash of lemon juice, vinegar or balsamico.

THIS country breakfast also makes a very good lunch or quick supper. In Italy, it would not be the first meal of the day, which would be coffee and bread or a sweet bun, but taken at about 10am after working for a couple of hours.

(serves i generously) 2-3 rashers of streaky bacon, smoked

l shallot or small onion. or 2 free-range eggs

l tsp balsamic vinegar

Remove the rind from the bacon and peel and thinly slice the onion (or trim and chop the spring onions). Place bacon and onion in a small frying-pan and cook first on a low heat, then higher to cook the bacon, but without burning the onion. Crack two free-range eggs and slide them carefully into the pan without breaking the yolks. Cook the eggs until done to your liking and add a spoonful of balsamic vinegar before sliding the contents of the pan, now held together by the egg white, on to a heated plate. Serve immediately.

Tagliatelle a la Giuditta I small onion or shallot, peeled and finely chopped

l 502/40g butter 4lb/110g piece of raw harn, such as 4lb/110g fresh tomato sauce

14oz/400g fresh tagliatelle 302/85g Parmesan cheese

Gently fry the onion in butter until

and cook it with the onions for a few minutes. Add the tomato sauce and cook gently for about half an hour, seasoning to taste with pepper. Cook the pasta, drain it, and stir into the sauce, adding the Parmesan. Serve immediately.

soft. Cut the ham into small dice

Risollot nero al balsamico ("black" risotto with balsamic vinega (serves 4-6)

30z/85g butter i small onion or shallot, peeled 1 bay leaf

small sprig of rosemary 100z/280g arborio or other risotto rice l pt/570ml stock (boiling) pt/430mi barolo or cabernet

freshly grated Parmesan cheese

Melt half the butter in a heavy saute pan and fry the onion until transparent. Add the herbs and rice and, when coated with butter, pour on a ladle or two of boiling stock. When this has been absorbed, add half the boiling wine and then the rest when the first batch has been absorbed. Stir fairly frequently and continue adding liquid until the rice is cooked to your liking. Just before serving, in heated bowls, stir in the rest of the butter and the grated

Zabaglione al balsamico bayon sauce with balsamic vinegar

(serves 4) 2 free-range egg yolks 2tbsp balsamic vinegar

Put a bowl over a pan of simmering water, without letting it touch the water. Whisk the egg yolks in the bowl with the balsamic vinegar until thick and smooth. Serve hot. This is exceptionally good with grilled fish or chicken.

A hollandaise can be made by

whisking in cubes of chilled butter until amalgamated into a thick glossy sauce. Both sauces are also very good with grilled or steamed

The French strike back – at a price

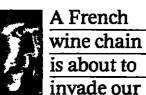
ood news at last for British drinkers, now that the J drinkers, now have Property France is mounting an offensive

The 300-store Nicolas franchise has impressive buying power, a first-class computerised purchasing and distribution system, and is far closer to the source than British buyers could ever be.

The Nicolas buying team is based in Paris, which is a short, high-speed train journey from France's main wine-producing re-

Another of the company's great strengths is its style and service: qualities in which British wine shops are notoriously deficient. Walk into its shop at 98 Holland Park Avenue in west London and see for yourself. Its spacious, airconditioned, well-lit interior al-most made me feel I was back in the Place de la Madeleine: superior French style is hard to put your finger on, but we all know it when

Unlike the English, if they put their mind to it the French offer quick, attentive service. Happily, all four Nicolas outlets here are run by Nicolas-trained, Frenchborn caviste managers whose authentic Gallic service includes free.



high streets, says Jane MacOuitty

expert gift wrapping of even the cheapest bottle. The French only buy after much conversation and contemplation

and these spacious shops have been built with this in mind. Started by Etienne Nicolas, who opened his first shop in Paris in 1822, the company has a head start over the competition. Best known in the old days for selling cheap, returnable litre bottles and for Nectar, its moustached and red-nosed cartoon character

 the Nicolas image and range has changed. Family owned until 1984, when Remy Martin took over for four years, Nicolas is now owned by Castel Frères

This Bordeaux-based firm of negociants is better known for its vins de table than its grands vins. But Nicolas, in addition to its everyday bottles, now offers a list of 1,000 different fine wines going back to a 1900 Château Margaux, plus top wines from first-class vintages since then, including a particularly good run of 1960s, 1970s and 1980s wines.

However, before you visit your nearest Nicolas branch, there is one old canard that needs

dispatching.
The UK wine traders' survival has always depended on their ability to buy knowledgeably, competitively and well.

Never having produced much wine of our own has meant that we have always had to import large quantities. Fortunately for UK drinkers this competitive and reasonably expert wine-tasting and buying tradition is still with us. Regular visitors to France know that you drink better, cheaper and more adventurously in this country than in France.
I may grumble that our wine

shops do not do a good enough job, but compared to what goes on in France outside the Nicolas empire. UK wine suppliers look positively heroic.

Gallic smugness and parochial chauvinism (in Bordeaux they only drink bordeaux; in Burgundy. burgundy), has produced few Frenchmen with good, all-round knowledge of their country's wines; fewer still with any sort of global perspective. Still, if French traders are narrow-minded, their

customers are often worse, Despite the many publicised blind taste offs between the best of French and California wines, the latter does not sell, even in Paris. As Willi's, the English-owned but Paris-based wine bar and restaurant group, complains, its month-ly sales of California wines only ever rise above one bottle when a

special tasting or promotion is on. Apart from the convenience of the nearest Nicolas store, the average Frenchman would rather belt off down the motorway twice a directe sign than shop at his local wine merchant or supermarket. Others belong to groups who every year buy wine in bulk and distribute it among themselves; many families buy barrels of wine for everyday drinking and bottle it in

Nicolas in London also suffers from this French-is-best syndrome. There are precious few non-French wines on its shelves and those that there are, such as



Best Nicolas buys

● 1991 Château Fondarzac, Entre Deux Mers J.C. Barthe £4.20 Heaps better than the average Entire Deux Mers and so it should be at this price. Enjoy Fondarzac's lime juice-like fruit as an aperiuf, or with chicken or fish. • 1989 Chinon. Domaine de Beauséjour Gérard Chauveau £6.10 This Chanon's rich, ripe, musky seent and taste is typical of a fine, red Loire and blessed with lots of deep, grassy fruit.

• 1988 Réserve de la Maison Nicolas £4.50.

Nicolas's basic Bordeaux Rouge with its delicious, juicy, herbaceous cassis and raspberry fruit shows just what they are capable of. A Nicolas star. • 1990 Côtes du Rhône, Réserve des Roques £4.35

Again an excellent Nicolas purchase from a frequently disappointing French appellation. Des Roques' sweet, fruity, pepper, palate and vivid crimson-purple colour is what Côtes du Rhône should be and rarely is. Great winter drinking. The four Nicolas branches are at 98 Holland Park Avenue, WII: 282 Old Brompton Road, SW5: 6 Fulham Road, SW3: and 157 Great Portland St. WI.

1988 Cosme Palacio (£6.95 here, carries the '88 for £5.89) are E4.49 at Oddbins) and 1987 Pesquera (£13.70 here, £9.49 for the 1987 and '88 vintage at Oddbins) are over-priced.

Even Nicolas's excellent collection of obscure country wines. year in search of the nearest vente . such as Savoie, Bugey, Jurançon and Tursan, are more expensive than they should be.

This is due to the company's daft pricing policy, identical to that of France apparently, but with 90p duty and a 10p or so transport charge slapped on to every bottle. This means that modest and medium-priced Nicolas wines. such as the red 1989 Maitre .d'Estournel (£5.85 here, £4.25 at Oddbins) and 1989 Mouton Cadet (£7.25 here. Sainsbury's prohibitively expensive. However, Nicolas's more costly French wines, such as its superior bordeaux châteaux wines, are

cheaper here than in France due to

the higher French VAT rate on

more expensive products. Apart from the best Nicolas buys listed below, shop there for some handsome French wine and spirit gift packs and ideas, such as the Pousse Rapière set and specialist French bottles like Floc de Gascogne and vintage armagnac,

all rarely seen elsewhere. Who knows, with a more realistic pricing policy. Nicolas's little three-wheel triponeur vans may be as common a sight in Britain as they once were in Paris.

KIND FOOD: ALISON JOHNSON Beefing up meals

oscow's recent dis-taste for British beef had Lynda Chalker hastening eastwards with threats of "long-term reper-cussions" if they didn't eat their words, and the beef. But I remain unpatriotically con-vinced that the comrades were right to fear hunger less than mad cow disease.

spongiform encephalopathy is one of a group of degenerative brain disorders which can cross species barriers. It is not proven that it could jump from infected animals to man, but neither is it proven that it cannot the incubation period is so long that it could be years before we know. The

organisms responsible appear to be extremely resistant to heat, and extremely long lived. It is now certain that cats have been infected through infected meat, and since calves born to infected cows after the suspected feed ingredients were banned have developed the disease, it

appears to be transmissible through the pla-

Calves of infected mothers, incidentally, are not banned from sale as meat animals, as long as they don't manifest the symptoms themselves - which they are not likely to do, given the possible length of incubation for the disease. These, plus the worn-out dairy cows who go into mince, burgers and pies, make up about 60-70 per cent of British beef. Small wonder the Russians had doubts.

Undoubtedly the BSE "scare" has been a disaster for farmers, particularly dairy farmers, whose understandable outrage has virtually gagged Maff on the subject. Unfortunately we have no proof at all that it is only a "scare". This is regrettable because beef rearing in Britain is overall more humane than, say, pig or poultry rearing. Sadly many people frightened off beef have turned to white meat, which usually means broiler chicken.

If you want to eat beef, think about its rearing. Even though the use of meat by products in carde feed is now forbidden, it is safer, as well as kinder to cattle. not to eat meat from animals which graze little or not at all. Imported ranched beef, at the cheaper end of the scale, fulfils

that criterion. Comparatively few cattle of specifically beef breeds have developed the disease. Animals of this sort from grazed suckler herds produce the best quality and safest meat, since BSE mainly hit the dairy sector. Go for Sainsbury's Traditional or Asda's Conservation Grade, from farms where all animals have traceable pedigrees.

For superb meat, which because of strict feeding standards in force long before BSE

is virtually proofed against it, use one of the following: beef - Pure Meat Co (0647 40321). Ian Miller's Or-ganic Meat (0738 2077): venison -Highland Venison (0479 2255). If you're still worried about beef

but like red meat, remember that most beef recipes are equally de-

licious with full flavoured venison from wild red deer. This recipe works with either meat.

(or vestison)

lb diced stewing beef/venison l tosp dripping 2 large onions 2 crushed doves gardic l carrot l stalk celery

lpt stout or stout/water sair, pepper, numeg, bouquet Itsp vinegar

3-4 thick slices bread (walnut or herb bread is best) spread with grainy mustard

Toss the nieat in the flour, brown in dripping with sliced onions. Add everything except bread, cover and simmer for two to three hours on 150C, gas mark 3. Push mustardy bread into casserole and allow to rise. Raise heat to 165C and cook uncovered till top is crusty about 30 minutes.

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London's forested slopes

Jonathan Meades meets a man from the motor trade

orest Hill is unusual among London suburbs in living up to at least 50 per cent of its name. At Chalk Farm there is no chalk, no farm. At Gospel Oak there is no oak and no gospel, though there was an interesting crucifixion in the late 1960s. And show me the shepherd with the bush — actually, don't. All the parks are fibs too. Tufnell, Drayton, Raynes, Eden -Eden! But Forest Hill breaks the mould. It is, indubitably, very hilly, and it's fairly sylvan too; not that trees are the sine qua non of a forest: to judge by the New Forest and Wyre Forest, the distinguishing features of this sort of scape are state-of-the-art picnic areas, log-cabin lavatories and middle-ranking executives exercising droit de seigneur in Vauxhall Carltons, in car-parks at lunchtime.

Forest Hill has none of these features. But it does have the most extensive views in Greater London, and many immodest villas of the 1860s and 70s. and a coverable flat-roofed house with a conning tower whose inhabitants can see as far as Mill Hill in one direction and Dartford in the other. Then there is the Horniman Museum - one of the very few public buildings in Britain in an untempered Arts and Crafts idiom: that makes it historically notable, but it is also a most lovable design, a dreamlike de-light for travellers on the South Circular: and the various collections put together by Mr Horniman of the tea firm are odd, wayward, funny. Worth the trip. Which is what I hoped I'd think about the Dewaniam Tandoori Restaurant half a mile east along the South Circular, round some sharp bends and down some precipitous slopes and under the

railway bridge. I owe my knowledge of this abundantly neoned establishment to The Curry Club's Cobra Indian Lager Good Curry Restaurant Guide edited by Pat Chapman, "a Londoner and a curryholic . . . the country's foremost expert in the subject". The man with the castiron colon brings out his guide



centricity. Its obsessions border on the surreal. Like Exchange and Mart, it tells you an awful lot about Britain. The writing is, let us say, home-made - but so much the better for that "Mr and Mrs Durrani's first Restaurant here was the Maharajah, a 10 pints and Vindaloo shop opened in the late 1950's. In 1975 the Durrani's became managers at the Lion of Asia in partnership with a Mr Varook. Mr Durrani known to all as Khan opened Khans, Brorough Road in 1978 and the Khan Tandoori, Linthorpe Road, in 1983. In late 1985 they bought the Lion and also called that the Khan Tandoori ... the quantities are frequently meagre. I often complain which does improve the situation for a bit." And so on for almost 300 pages of tiny type. The word Restaurant is invariably given an initial majuscule, and apostrophe's are used wherever possible. The punctuation, is

As a utile guide it is no more or less accurate than any other - but utility is not the point; though when one comes across an entry for somewhere such as the Dewaniam of SE23 it tempts one to investigate. The USP here is the materials the place uses: duck,

pheasant, hare, venison, quail, brains, lobster. Items, in other words, not habitually associated with sub-continental cooking. Mr Chapman mentions "authentic Indian recipes" and he may be right, I don't know.

do know, though, that a venison dish called galassi is not worth schlepping across London for. The meat had insufficient flavour for its source to be identifiable. According to the menu it is marinated in wine. vinegar, olive oil etc. then cooked with cream and sultanas. I'll take their word for it; the overall impression was of a curry thickened with nuts. I'm no doubt quite wrong. Brain masala was much better - delicate, as much herby as spicy, pleasantly savoury. The nan bread is light and delicious. There's good lassi, and you can finish with mango kulfi.

The place is a shrine to the fading polychromy of silk flowers. One boisterous table belched with such frequency that I began to suspect they were communicating in some sort of ventral code. At another table a man told his lady friend: "Curries, curries. I won't go near them. Stuff curries." Why then. I wondered, have you brought your vivacious Raffles-

smoking sometime popsy here? He answered: "Dixon's, now. Fill buy from Dixon's. But Curry's, never. They might be owned by Dixon's but I'll never ever buy anything from them." This choosy shopper then reverted to his specialist subject, motor cars.

Nearly everyone in southeast London is in the motor trade. It's to do with the lack of Under-ground lines, I guess. When I lived in Camberwell ! was the only person in the street without a couple of old smokers on the pavement with prices and phone numbers in the windscreen. They even appear to name their restaurants after automotive types. I imagined La Coupée in Herne Hill was a bad spelling mistake with wrong gender thrown in. Not so. La Coupée is the proper name of a causeway on Sark, which is where the chef comes from. Plentiful pictures of that island are provided on the walls. This is a pretty little bistro which does good business with those rare southeast Londoners who don't own lock-ups. It's all pink and green with a generally bustling air.

The house's surprising speciality is tripe, prepared in the manner of Nice. Or so it is claimed. The sauce is based on tomato and includes carrots and olives; it's not too bad.

The trouble is the tripe itself, or rather the British butchery trade's way of (over) preparing it, of boiling it to death. It ends up as blubber. It's not an unpleasant dish but it's necessarily unlike the tripe you'll get in France or Italy or Spain, where the raw material is available in a more comestible state. Furthermore it is calf tripe rather than ox tripe which is used in those countries. Calf liver is cooked here with an onion gravy; the offal was more grey than pink. An outstandingly well-flavoured piece of beef was sauced with a soidisant Béarnaise. Whatever it was

— and it wasn't, again, unpleasant — it was not a Béarnaise sauce. It reminded me of a lemon meringue pie filling. Vegetables included rather watery cabbage with bacon and quite good chips. The wines include a decent Coteaux d'Aix called Domaine les Bastides and there is Italian beer. The service is unflaggingly cheery.

Dewaniam Tandoori Restaurani
2 133 Stanstead Road London.
SE23 (081-291 4778) Lunch and dinner every day. £40 plus.

La Coupée
17 Half Moon Lane, London
SE24 (071-737 1556)
Est dinner Tues to Sat. Lunch Tues to Fri, dinner Tues to Sat.

Marks — up to a maximum of ten — are awarded for cooking and although they are intended to reflect value for money they are not determined by this consideration alone: certain very costly restaurants are very good, certain very cheap ones are, too. All prices given are approximate — they are for a three-course meal for two, including modest wine and an aperitif. Dishes are mentioned only as an indication of the repertoire. Never be afraid to complain. Phone first. It is not only discourteous but illegal to dishonour bookings: that goes for restaurants as well as customers. J.M.

JONATHAN MEADES'S RESTAURANT GUIDE

WATERSIDE

The Beetle and Wedge Hotel.

Moulsford. Oxfordshire (0491

651381)
A rather ramshackle group of buildings beside the river and attached to a modest hotel (which has its own. posher, restaurant under the same ownership). The cooking owes much to the tradition of Elizabeth David and to considered bistro practice. It is unerringly expert. Banal sounding things such as duck terrine are first rate. Rabbit saute with lardons is unbelievably rich and delicrous. The hom is as 6513811 ably rich and delicious. The harn is as fine as you'll come across in Britain. Good puds, charming service. £65 plus. Lunch and dinner every day.

The River Café Thames Wharf, Rainville Road, W6 (071-381 8824/385 3344) The precursor of all "new wave" Italian cooking in London and still ahead of the pack. The utilitarian premises began life as a canteen for Sir Richard Rogers's practice and the straight-forwardness that informed the enterprise from the outset has not been lost sight of. However, the premises have expanded and the cooking by Rose Gray and Lady Rogers has grown in confidence and expertise. It is now both inventive and sophisticated, pointing the way perhaps towards a new form of haute cuisine. Among many notable haute cuisine. Among many notable dishes from a changing menu are sweethreads with pancetra, sage and artichokes; bass which is grilled, then marinated, then roasted; squid with chilli and rocket chicken with bolled garlic and parsley; turbot with a marvellous confection of peas, beneditating minist. The broadbeans, prosciutto and mint. The puddings include a lovely cake made with polenta and lemon. Fine Italian wines at all prices. E75 plus. Lunch every day, dinner Mon-Fri.

The Leatherne Bottel
The Bridleway, Goring-on
-Thames, Berkshire
(0491 872667)

Easy-going and very pleasant riverside restaurant handsomely converted from a pub. In summer one can eat outside with the ducks and pleasure cruisers, in winter there is a choice of good-looking dining rooms. The cooking is strong on chargrilling, steaming, abundant herbs and colourful assemblies of vegetables. It is not so strong on sauces

which are not part of Keith Read's
idiom, nor on dressings. Tuna is served
straight from the grill with a salad of
rocket, marinated anchovies etc. Steamed chicken is stuffed with strips of pepper and courgette. The service is relaxed and friendly and efficient. £58. Lunch and dinner every day.

The Pier at Harwich The Quay, Harvich, Essex (0255 241212)

attempting to be flashy. The fish and shellfish are notably fresh. £50-£60.

Lunch and dinner every day.

Great view of the Stour and Orwell esmary, pleasant service, nice enough cooking which is at its best when not

NOTABLE BUILDINGS

Woolley Grange
Woolley Green, Bradford-on
Avon, Wiltshire
(02216 4705/4773)

(02216 4705/4773)
Good-looking Jacobean and early Victorian limestone hotel. Unusually for a "country house" joint it welcomes children. The cooking is, however, for adults. It's sophisticated, generally unfussy, surehanded. Turbot and scallops with a squid ink sauce and dark gray parts is as rought to asset as it is. grey pasta is as good to taste as it is to look at. Chicken and guinea frow are gently and impressively sauced. The vegetables tend to be on the foetal side but are. in commencation vegerables tend to be on the toeral store but are, in compensation, served in copious quantities. Good puddings, poorly thought out wine list with very little to drink under about £18. £75. Lunch and dinner every day.

Thackeray's House

85 London Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent (0892 511921) The novelist's house is a large tile-hung cottage. It's smart without flashiness, amiable, efficient. The cooking is painstakingly considered, well balanced, intensely flavoured but not over rich. Nor is it overdressed — good ingredients are not drowned by heavy saucing. Hot sea bass pâté, pheasant with ceps, hare with a remarkable juniper sauce and mace-steeped prunes, fish soup, mullet, veel with shallots, cream and vinegar — these are fine dishes. The wines are mostly French and not overpriced £80. Lunch Tues-Sun, dinner Tues-Sat.

The Game Larder Provided the street of the str the right side of adequate, the service is friendly; a good place to go in a large party. 160. Lunch Wed-Sun, dinner Tues-Sat.

The Oak Room

Le Meridien, Piccadilly, London

W1 (071-734 8000)

Fabulously opulent Edwardian baroque dining room with brilliant
French cooking by David Chambers—feuillete of turbot and salmon with iobster sauce, sea bass with a mousse of foie gras and salmon, beef with lactarius mushrooms and spinach. There are rarely mistakes of either taste or technique, but portions tend to the miserly and mark-ups on the impressive wines are greedy. Nevertheless, the finest of London's grand hotel restaurants and an unmittigated treat — so long as you're not paying. £120. Lunch Mon-Fri, dinner Mon-Sat.

Lainston House 2 Sparsholt, Winchester. Hampshire (0962 863588) Rather beautiful early 18th-century house in impressive parkland. The cooking is Anglo-French and com-petent but a bit lacklustre. The same might be said of the interior of the building and the service. £60. Lunch

Kiwi fruit leaps from the sea

has appeared in freezer compartments of the nation's supermarkets, an

oriental-sounding beast by the name of hoki. The arrival is due in large part to the salesmanship of Gillian Malcolm, a New Zealand-born speech therapis turned international fish trader (now the trading manager with an Aberdeen-based company). She managed a coup roughly on a par with enticing vegans to eat steak when she introduced hoki to fish shops around Aberdeen, an area where anything with

virtual exclusion of all else. "Hoki the Noo", ran the tabloid headlines, irrespective of the fact that hoki rhymes with cokey and, despite its Japanese-sounding name, comes from New

All the publicity did not. however, spark the great leap forward in hoki sales Ms Malcolm was seeking. That, she said, would only come the day Marks & Spencer stacked it on the chill shelves alongside the cod and haddock.

M&S has just put hoki — not Ms Malcolm's, unfortunately — on trial in 25 selected stores throughout Compared to its rivals.

That day has now come.

M&S came late to the fish. Sainsbury led the way a year ago, and Tesco. Waitrose and Tasting and looking like cod, the hoki pared with a normal price of 23.49 per pound for cod. But has a clear advantage — it is cheaper



Tipping the scales: hoki is making a strange name for itself

Gateway followed. Hoki, normally sold as breaded fillets, is now sold in an estimated 4,000 supermarkets

throughout Britain.

Ms Malcolm, like her rival importer Charles Barkla of Harvard Seafoods of Reading, in Berkshire, has spent three years convincing the wholesale trade which sup-plies supermarkets that hoki is the wonderfish of the

Their pitch has been relatively simple. Hoki looks, cooks and eats like cod, but it costs less. This week M&S was selling trial packs of hoki at £2.49 per pound, comequally crucially for super-markets and institutions such as health boards, the hoki importers have been able to guarantee supplies for months ahead, largely because of the highly organised New Zealand fish-

ing industry. Supply stability is almost more important than price," Mr Barcia says. Supplies of home-caught cod and haddock are notoriously volatile. Hoki means "return" in

Maori. Between June and September the fish, which spends most of its life in the deep Hokitika Trench, to the west of New Zealand's South Island, appears in vast num-

with silvery sides and belly, it grows to more than 3ft long (cod can grow to 5ft).

Stock exploitation has been limited by the New Zealand government to 200,000 tonnes a year, of which the British market can handle only about 7,000 tonnes. The Americans have been eating it for years, the Japanese turn it into sereemi - a processed form of the fish whence crabsticks are born — and French demand in 1991 jumped by an extraordinary 80 per cent. "I don't see why it shouldn't become as British as curry," Ms Malcolm says.

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Fast work with shellfish: mussels cooked with leeks and saffron A HUGE steaming bowl of mussels is a treat on a cold night, provided that none of your guests is allergic to shellfish. It is a beautiful sight, the orange contrasting both with the pearly inside of the shell and the blue-black outer surface. And it

smells good too.

This is a one-pot meal that requires no other cooked dishes. With some charcuterie to start with, salad, one or rwo interesting farmhouse cheeses and a fruit compote to finish, you have a feast. You need to spend time preparing the

mussels and leeks, but cooking time is minimal, and you can get someone else to help with the salad and fruit. It is always a good idea to ask if there is anything your guests cannot eat or drink. And if they are bringing someone else, it is up to them to ask their companion. Twice I have been caught out that way. The first incident was most

curious, an aversion to melons and anything with melons in it. The second was more understandable.



I had invited Madhur Jaffrey for dinner and asked her host to tell me in advance if there was anything she could not eat. "Oh, don't worry," I was told, "she's very well travelled, she can eat anything." One look at her face on that cold night when I brought out my steaming tureen told me that mussels were not one of her favourite things. Smoked salmon was a welcome standby.

To prepare the mussels, scrub under running water, knock off any barnacies as they can release sand into the finished dish, and discard any that remain open because they are dead. Dead mussels are dangerous because you do not know how

long they have been dead. Rinse the mussels, and put in a large lidded pot with cleaned, thinly sliced leeks freshly ground pepper, half a pint of dry white wine and some saffron threads soaked in a little more white wine. Clamp the lid on, raise the heat, and cook for three to four minutes, shaking well to distribute the leeks and

Transfer the mussels to a large heated bowl or serve from the cooking pot. Discard any that remain closed. They too are probably dead. There will be plenty of juice with the mussels. I like to serve a basket of different breads and

FRANCES BISSELL

Swimmers of all ages and abilities are getting ready to take the plunge for the annual Swimathon. Jane Bidder reports

ix-year-old Sarah Barson of Malvern. Worcestershire, hopes to be the youngest swimmer in Britain's Swimathon charity event, which is to be held from March 5 to 8 at more than 250 pools throughout the country.

Anyone, regardless of age or experience, can enter the event. which was first staged six years ago to encourage more people to swim during the winter months.

That event proved so successful that the organisers (backed by BT. with Duncan Goodhew, the former Olympic swimmer, as president) now ask participants to press-gang sponsors into paying them per length, with the proceeds being shared by Mencap, the Royal National Institute for the Blind and the Cancer Relief Mac-Millan Fund.

This year, each entrant will aim to swim about 200 lengths. So far Sarah, who learnt to swim two years ago, has notched up only 30 lengths during her twice-weekly evening training sessions at her

'Sarah has already collected £85 of sponsorship," says her father, Brian, who paces protectively along the poolside by her. "It was her idea to take part because the money is going towards sick children and she recently lost a small friend through cancer."

Sarah, who is only 3ft 6in tall, says that even 30 lengths do not exhaust her. "I like doing back crawl best, because it doesn't tire me, although I can also do breast stroke and front crawl," she says. "Dad laughs because I talk quite a lot while swimming."

Sarah also says she doesn't feel the cold, although she's not averse to warming up with a cup of cocoa and some sweets from the pool machine after practice sessions. In the West Country seven high school teams, plus a handful of teachers, will be competing against each other in the Swimathon at the Bath Sports and Leisure Centre. Julie Ashman, the bookings officer, hopes that the publicity the event attracts will encourage more teenage swim-mers, who tend to drop out from 16 onwards after years of being dragged along to a pool at weekends by well-meaning parents.

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interests nowadays," Ms Ashman says. "So maybe Swimathon will

get them going again."
If you can't beat the kids, you could always join them, like Norman Tomlinson, an 80-year-old grandfather who is one of the oldest Swimathon entrants. Two of his grandchildren - Sebastian. ten. and Lee, 13 - and his 75year-old wife Flora will be counting his lengths from the spectators' gallery at the pool in Acton, west London.

Mr Tomlinson - who used to swim at another pool but stopped because it was "only 25 metres long" compared with Acton's 33 - only took up serious swimming in his sixties. He has been putting in 15 lengths every other day since last month, and intends building up to 75 or 80. "I practise late in the afternoon, after house painting or digging the garden," says Mr Tomlinson, now retired from a chemical manufacturing firm.

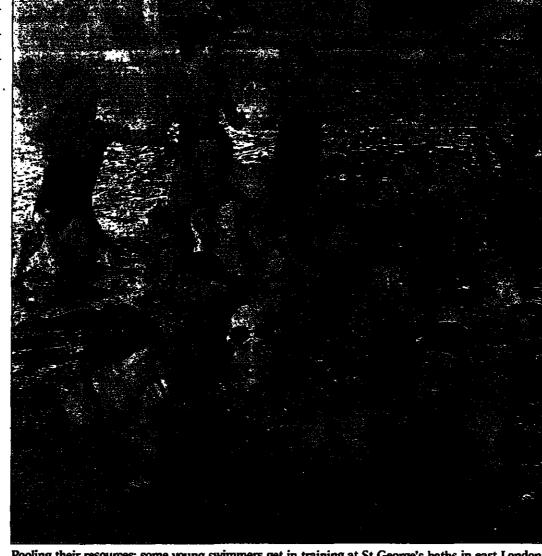
"I've also been having plenty of soup and stewed-up chicken plus the odd glass of hot whisky at night — to build up my strength."

ge. Mr Tomlinson says, does not make him feel the strain, although in Llast year's Swimathon (when he completed 75 lengths) he confesses he felt "a few twinges" towards the end of the session. And no, he doesn't go in for those fancy bikini pants. An old-fashioned, baggy pair of trunks is much more comfortable, he says.

If your children do not want to swim or volunteer as length counters (to check how many lengths each swimmer completes). it is still worth going to your local swimming baths to witness the more eccentric entries.

The Limbert Loonies, a team of five student nurses from Manchester, will be wearing Victorian swimming dress at the Abraham Moss sports centre. The costumes — in varying colours plus matching caps — are being made by the nurses, who claim their unwieldy outfits will not stunt their performance. "We have all been awarded our gold life-saving medals for which you have to be able to swim in pyjamas," says 22-year-old Sa-Why Victorian dress? Just an

excuse for a bit of fun say the



Pooling their resources: some young swimmers get in training at St George's baths in east London

Limbert Loonies, who live in the Limbert nurses' home. If their caps get in the way, they will discard them midstream.

Miss Cryer, who prefers backstroke, is on a fat-free diet because she does not want to look "too big in my costume". She and her friends have already been practising three times a week and hope to attract an audience of patients and boyfriends.

In the small Suffolk village of Stradbroke, Andrew Chilvers, a 23-year-old youth club helper, is planning a "hair-raising" specta-cle before diving in to tackle 250 lengths. His boss at a nearby construction company has pledged £100 if he has his head shaved at the poolside. "I think I've got the face to carry it off," Mr Chilvers says. "And I won't mind

people staring at me afterwards because it's all in a good cause."

Mr Chilvers has already ar-

ranged for a local hairdresser to snip off his mousey brown locks. which are of average length and are usually trimmed every six weeks. What, however, if his hair fails to grow back? "I haven't thought of that — I sincerely hope

Another spectacular swim known as "on the bottle" in nautical jargon — is open to spectators at Basildon's Gloucester Park pool, where a team of male aqualung divers, each carrying a bottle of oxygen weighing 23 kilos, intend covering just over three miles.

Not to be outdone Sharon Merrett, a 32-year-old child minder and mother of three, will snorkel

for 50 lengths with two friends. "The biggest problem could be cramp," admits Mrs Merrett, a member of the Basildon sub-aqua club, whose performance will be watched by her children aged ten. eight and four. Her husband will also be taking part in the swim, albeit without snorkel and

Weighing just over 12 stone, Mrs Merrett says she ought to go on a crash diet before the big day — "but I don't know if I'll get round to it. After all, it's a good laugh for charity, isn't it?"

Anyone wanting to swim in, or watch, a Swimathon should contact their local pool or leisure department for details. Volunteers are also needed to count lengths. All entries should be received by

STEPHEN MARKESON

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or an entire afternoon the farm took on the look of a Texan oilfield. Rangy, tanned young men arrived in their
ran-sized trucks. Within moments their brawny arms had
transformed a mass of steel piping
into a drilling rig and our 19thcentury farm was beginning to
look like the scene of a 20th-century oil rush.

ury oil rush.

Before drilling, the rugged young men adjusted their helmets squarely on their heads: I did not have a helmet so I merely twitched my flat cap. As the drill was lowered into the ground, I prayed we would not strike oil. What use would an oil fortune be to me if I had no drop of water with which to make a celebratory cup of tea?

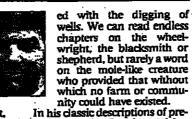
We were drilling for water, deepening an existing well which for as long as anyone can remember has unfailingly provided this farm with water. But I have noticed that on occasions we were

FARMER'S DIARY: PAUL HEINEY

er than it was able to refill itself, and as this part of the world is heading for its driest winter in recent memory it seemed prudent

If you are in one of those parts of Britain that has been drenched since last August, you may find it difficult to believe that parts of the same islands are in a state of chronic drought. A month ago, in the middle of winter when you might expect the water reserves to be at their fullest, tenants vacated a cottage near here when their well ran dry. I have seen derelict villages on Greek islands abandoned when the springs failed, but never expected

to see it on my own doorstep. For such a vital operation, there seems to be little folklore connect-



war East Anglian farming, Adrian Bell, tired of carting water by horse from a pond, hired a man to dig a well for him. He worked by the light of a candle, one at the foot of the well where he dug and another halfway up to test for "bad air". During the digging he was warned by his doctor that old age was overtaking him and that he must "dig no more wells". Rather than leave a hole unfinished, he had a kitchen chair lowered down so that he could catch his breath



before he moled further. Bell records that it is the farmer's privilege to descend the well when the digger has finished his work. but my diggers offered no such invitation and I was thankful.

turned the tap in the stable to mix feed for the pigs and not a drop came. Pressured by having to work at new depths, the ageing pump had taken early retirement. It needed more than a sit on a

kitchen chair, it needed an expert.

We had no water on the farm. The experience was sobering. Although we can manage with a drop for drinking and the merest drain for washing, it cannot be explained to ewes who are feeding lambs that they must hang on until the pump man comes. So my wife fled into town, bought plastic bottles and cadged water from friends, then while I was snugly tucked up in bed she bravely went round the garden water butts at midnight with a bucket to refill the

I rang another well engineer and expected a further assault with high-tech derricks and drilling apparatus. But when he arrived and immediately asked for a light for his candle, I knew I had found the right man for the job. He tied his spluttering light to a rope and lowered it to the bottom, and only when he had satisfied himself that there was no foul air

did he descend with his spanners to attack the pump. He tells me he is busy these days, deepening wells, trying to keep pace with increasing drought. I stayed on the surface, lowering cups of tea in the calf-feeding bucket. He did a well nearby, he said, expecting to see down only tan feet. It was 30 go down only ten feet. It was 30 before he hit water.

before he hit water.

The sound of the revitalised electric pump was like music chiming through the house. The troughs gurgled again, the taps sang. I know that electricity did not come to this farm until the 1950s and that all the water had to be desired from the until by hand. to be drawn from the well by hand. There are aspects of 20th-century farming life that I despise but

running water is not one of them.

If there is one sound I never want to hear again on this farm, it is the pathetic midnight scrape as my poor wife stumbles, bucket in hand, searching the butts for a

Country kids are in the pink

Foxhunting may be under siege, but new huntsmen are being introduced to it all over the country. Dea Birkett reports

ristian MacDougall cuts a fine figure astride Hadley. Rider and horse are turned out impeccably: Kristian in a tweed hacking jacket, cream jodhpurs, hunting whip and spotted stock (cravat). Hadley with elaborately plaited mane and groomed coat. Kristian MacDougall is 13

years old, and Hadley is a small bay pony. Kristian is among 70 children, aged three to 16, who joined the Warwickshire meet last week. After the chase the children's faces are flushed with excitement, their ponies' hair matted with mud and sweat.

Ellena Swift, aged seven, is a hunter of two years' experience. Her mount is Dougal, a sturdy Shetland pony.

These tiny figures, almost lost in the countryside they cover, are deemed to hold a mighty responsibility. At a time when the hunting fraternity feels more under threat than ever before in its history, these children could be seen as the

guardians of its future. The children have got to learn about tradition," says David Forsyth, the district commissioner for Warwickshire Pony Club. "This country is built on it. If young people maintain the hunting tradition, then the countryside

will survive. They are our future." For the children hunting is a simple adventure. "It's quite exciting," gasps Annabel Allen, aged 12. "All the galloping. And the fences." Ellena boasts she had fallen off twice, once in a bog. Fiveyear-old farmer's son James Westwood's pony is so small he was barely 3ft off the ground, yet still he vows: "I'm going to go and kill the fox."

It is a cool, crisp day and good for the scent. "You have to be really quiet." Henry Brooke, at 18 a hardened veteran, says. "You're trying to keep your horse still and then suddenly you see the fox. It just stands there and looks at you. for ages. You watch until it's out of

sight. Then you get to holler.
"It's really embarrassing. You have to holler so loud that everyone hears. The kids know what the holler is and come cantering up."

The adult hunsmen are fiercely protective of their young flock. The less experienced have "hunting nannies", who ride alongside with a leading rein And, like sentinels at every country lane crossroads, admiring mothers balance on the roofs of their Land-Rovers and scan through binoculars for the dashing silhouettes of their little ones. "I've lost a child on a spotted cob . . . " worries one parent.

By the end of the afternoon the field is down to just 20. The pace has been too tough for many of them. The youngest survivor, Sarah Mann, aged six, has already proved her worth by being "blood-ied" last year, with a fox's blood smeared over her face.

Then, when they have almost given up hope, the hounds begin to "speak" as they close in on a fox. The huntsman blows three long field gallops over.

The fox has been caught by the frenzied hounds. "Yukkey," Annabel says.

"Who wants the brush?" calls out the huntsman. "I do! I do!" shouts Kristian. The huntsman severs the tail and hands it to him, advising him to "put it in some meths in a jam jar for about a month. Then give it a wash in some water and you'll have a perfect brush."

If for the children it is a day of adventure, for their parents the hunt is seen as a rite of passage into a world of responsible adulthood. For them it is all about etiquette, discipline and good



Gathered in: master of foxhounds Robin Smith-Ryland and junior members of the Warwickshire hunt. Parents believe hunting teaches the children country ways

manners. "It's regarded as polite to the organisers of the day to dress as smartly as you can," Charlotte Brooke says. Her two older child-ren hunt while eight-month-old Jess follows in the Land-Rover. party. I think children ought to know that they should present

themselves neatly and tidily. As the wet and weary children wash down their muddy ponies. their parents sip whiskies in the warm farmhouse. They insist hunting is about learning to

become a country person. "You teach the children the country code - don't ride on the crops, shut the gate, say good morning to the farmer." Mrs Brooke says. "It's about selfdiscipline. It's learning the country way of life."

The adults are eager to emphasise that any child can

equally well," Mrs Brooke says. Hunting is not a cheap pastime.
"I used to get my children's hacking jackets from a jumble sale." Mrs Brooke says. "Then you just need a pair of shoes with a heel cannot afford the upkeep of a pony and correct apparel, the hunt can be followed on foot or by car.

At the Warwickshire hunt, an adult pays £300 for ten days' midweek hunting: Saturdays cost £40 a day. Seventeen to 24-year-olds get half rates. Children pay £5 a

The children I spoke to are miniature replicas of their sporting parents and know the arguments by heart. They quite understand that the fox needs to be culled." Mrs Brooke says. They see that the foxes take the chicken and lambs. They're very aware of the cruelty of nature. It's hunt. "They all have to behave part of growing up in the country. It doesn't distress them. My child might be horrified by seeing people sleeping in doorways in

Mrs Brooke also points out the practical arguments. "It's a good sweeping up the old maimed and wounded foxes," she says. "And it's kinder than gassing or shooting."

I ask her 16-year-old daughter, who is already a hunting nanny, what she thinks of the kill. "It's only the old and weak that get killed . . ." she answers.

Kristian MacDougall, with the fox's brush peeping out of his pocket, says: "If the foxes were gassed it would be horrible, but the hounds kill them straight off..

Thinking I am interviewing a novice. I ask how he feels about getting his first brush. "It's not my first," he says. "I've already got one hanging on my bedroom wall."

mals tend to work by smell, and at

night: they are much harder to

observe. Insects and plants are prob-

lems for the specialist. Birding is the

most straightforward method of

☐ Belfast pigs: Royal Ulster Agricultural Society spring show and sale of more than 70 pedigree pigs, including performance tested boars. Royal Ulster Agricultural Society, King's Hall, Balmoral, Belfast (0232 665225). Wednesday, 9.30am, free.

☐ Birstall hunters: Horses race against the clock over hunt-like terrain, including streams, ponds Oakwell Hall Country Park. Nutter Lane, Birstall, West Yorkshire (0924 474926). Tomorrow, 9.30am. Speciators

☐ Bottisham BASC roadshow: Opportunity to meet experts from the British Association for Shooting and Conservation on subjects such as taxidermy, gundogs and game-keeping, have firearms valued by Bill Harriman, and hear a lecture or Shooting and the Law at 8.15pm. Village College, Bottisham, nr Cambridge, Cambridgeshire (0284

728752). Friday, 7.30-10.30pm. £2, under-13s free. ☐ Chipping Norton challenge: Any racing questions? Broadcaster Sean Mage, jockey Peter Scudamore and trainer David Nicholson are among the panel of racing experts answer-ing questions from the audience. Chipping Norton Theatre, Spring Street. Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire (0608 642349). Tomorrow, 7.30pm, E5-£10. ☐ Denwick horses: West Percy & Milvain Point-to-Point, 70 horses in six races over the three-mile, 18-

fence course. Ratcheugh Racecourse, Denwick, nr Alnwick, Northumberland. Signed from Alnwick by-pass (0665 74618, Mr Barnet). Today, 1-30pm. E6-

a renowned stickmaker, takes a twoand-a-half-day BASC course in this ancient craft. BASC Northern Regional
Office. Millbridge, Mill Lane, Gisburn, nr Clitheroe, Lancashire (0200 445046). March

☐ Gisburn takes stick: Theo Fossel. 20-22. £96 (advance booking

☐ Inverurie . saimals: Annual Aberdeen Spring Show, now in its 146th year, leaturing hundreds of horses, beef and dairy sheep for sale. Thainstone Agricultural

Centre, Invenurie, Grampian, Signed from A96 (0224 3 i 1362, Mr Reid). Tuesday. 8am-4pm, £3.

C Knutsford races: Cheshire Forest Point-to-Point. About 110 horses compete in seven races over a three-and-a-quarter-mile, 18-fence course. with a highlight being the Land-Rover Qualifier at 1.50pm. Tatton Park, Knutsford, Cheshire (0565 654822). Today. 12.30pm. £10-£12 per car.

D Lewannick horses: Bolventor Harriers Point-to-Point: 100 horses in seven races, with a particularly strong line-up including Khataff and For a Lark in the Ladies Open at 2.10pm. Lemaila Racecourse,

Lewannick, nr Launceston Cornwall. Signed from A30 (0288 352184). Today. 1pm, E8

abe focus on waders: RSPB event looking at the thousands of wading birds, such as curlews, bar-tailed godwits and redshanks, which gather on Morecambe Bay salt marshes.
Signal Box Level Crossing, Hest Bank, nr Morecambe, Lancashire (0524 701601). Today, noon. El. child 50p.

☐ Stoncleigh show: Over 300 dairy cattle in the annual National Hol stein Show, a single breed event, the highlight being the National Championships on Thursday. National Agricultural Centre, Stoneleigh, Warwickshire (0203 696969). Wednesday, noonopm, Thursday. 8am-2pm. Wednesday free, Thursday £5. Saffolk pointers: Easton Harriers Point-to-Point, six races with a particular highlight being the Ladies' Open RMC Qualifier at

1.45pm.
Higham Racecourse, Higham, nr Newmarket, Suffolk. Signed off A12 (0206 272661). Today.

noon. ElO per car.

Gardens to visit

☐ Buckinghamshire: Great Bar-field; snowdrops, hellebores, willows and other early plants in 1 ½ acres. Wecombe off the A4010. In the village, turn right (park on green).

Enter by No Through Road, £1, child free. Tomorrow, 2-5pm. ☐ Devon: Killerton park -and garden: hillside estate containing line trees in the 15-acre garden.

Broadclyst, 7 m NE of Exeter on W side of B3181. Winter

Open daily, daylight hours. ☐ Durafries and Galloway: Galloway House gardens originated in the mid-18th century and were

improved by later owners. Good trees and shrubs, snowdrops and daffodils in spring. Camellia house. Wigtown. Follow signs from Garlieston (half-mile). Open daily. £1, child 50p. families £2.50.

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□ Isle of Wight Ventnor Botanic Garden is sheltered from the sea winds and contains many tenderplants, including trees and shrubs from China and New Zealand. Popular features are the palm garden and superb glasshouse. The Undercliffe Drive, Ventnorfollow the signs from A3055. Free (Temperate House 50p, child 20p). Tues-Thurs until Easter. 11am-Jpm; Sun. 1-4pm.

COUNTRY_LIFE

Pyjama

slippers

T early everyone is up with the lark in the country. Except possibly the lark himself. He doesn't seem much in evidence these days. We have to start the day without him.

lt's 6.50am, but others have been up before us. The house down the road has had £3,000 of peg tiles stolen. They were delivered only yesterday. Our hopper huts have had a few bricks nicked

again. I can see the tyre marks. We had put in an application for a craft centre but the authorities turned it down. They said 100 much of it had been dismantled by our night visitors.

There has been a lot of huffing and puffing along the railway line. It's not the trains. It's the police, chasing the

perpetrator of an assault. The power has been switched off. The platform is sinking with the weight of would-be passengers. The trains

haven't moved. There's always something going on on the line. Recently someone was killed in his car on the crossing. A few years ago the ticket collector got it into his head to save a pensioner the effort of heaving a wn mower over the bridge by taking it across the railway line instead. Lawn mowers are not the SUIT of traffic express trains expect to encounter as they hurtle from Dover to Charing Cross. So there are ghosts on the line, as there are

everywhere in the country.

When I wake up, the cass are

ready and waiting. One is a hero. He alerted me when the burglars came in the summer. Making a noise which had never emanated from him before, he blocked my path one step at a time as i scurried after them. "I've never known even a rottweiler do that," the superintendent told me.

By now the dunkey is neighing. I give him his hay. Break the ice on his water trough. Once he was hit by a car and broke his

leg. He was in a splint The driver is for six months. Like everything here he has some Houdini distraught. She's only traits. Occasionally he disappears through a half dressed. . hole in the fence. The pond has the same tendency. One mornbottoms and ing we were woken by a sound like bath wat-

er going down a plug hole. We watched as the last trickle of water was sucked away. Just as the ducks took off in

disgust it filled up again.

Time presses on. I hurry the children through breakfast. Until recently the school run was 70 miles a day. Now it's 60.

On the way back the woman in the car in from of me hits a cat. The cat runs off, but the woman is distraught. She's only half dressed. The top half. Otherwise it's pyjama bottoms and slippers. I sympathise. Getting up in the country is a major performance. Sometimes I doubt if it is wise to

Cool look at hot spots

ike children, we have been brought up on tales of furry animals and freaky birdies Save the panda! Save the avocet! But now conservation wants us to take on a more grown-up idea. Let me explain by diving into my Complete Checklist of Birds of the

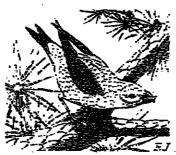
Opened at random: did you know that there are 18 species of glaucidium in the world? These include ferruginous pygmy owl. austral pygmy owl. Andean pygmy owl and Cuban pygmy owl. As a point of interest, I do rather a good impersonation of glaucidium perlatum, the pearl-spotted owlet. But these birds do not have what

it takes to be a flagship species. It would be hard to mobilise millions to the banner of the Prigogine's owlet, or the Ituri owlet, were they threatened species. We would get nothing but groans: not another creature in danger of extinction! The point is that it is not this species or that species that needs saving. We must think in sweeping. broad-brush terms. This

brings us to a new buzzword in conservation: biodiversin. If something has evolved as a species, Life would be poorer without it. I leave the interpretation of the L-word to the individual reader: but this stands as a Vital

principle for conservation. Take Britain's single indigenous species, the Scottish crossbill. The bird is found only in Scottish pine woods: an evolutionary split from the crossbill, which is widespread. It is not a bird to excite the GORST-WILLIAMS | the biological diversity of the planer.

FEATHER REPORT



Rare species: Scottish crossbill

The International Council for Bird Preservation (ICBP) has been working on its biodiversity project for three years. This has involved the mapping of all species with a small range: 2,000 species whose range is 50.000 square kilometres or less. And they have come up with this startling statistic: more than 20 per cent of all bird species occur on only 2 per cent of the land surface. The research has identified 221 places - they call them "hot spots" - where evolution and ecology have combined to produce a high con-

centration of unique species. But the implications of this research go beyond birds. The presence of unique birds almost invariably indicates unique mammals, invertebrates and plant communities When it comes to taking the broad-brush approach of

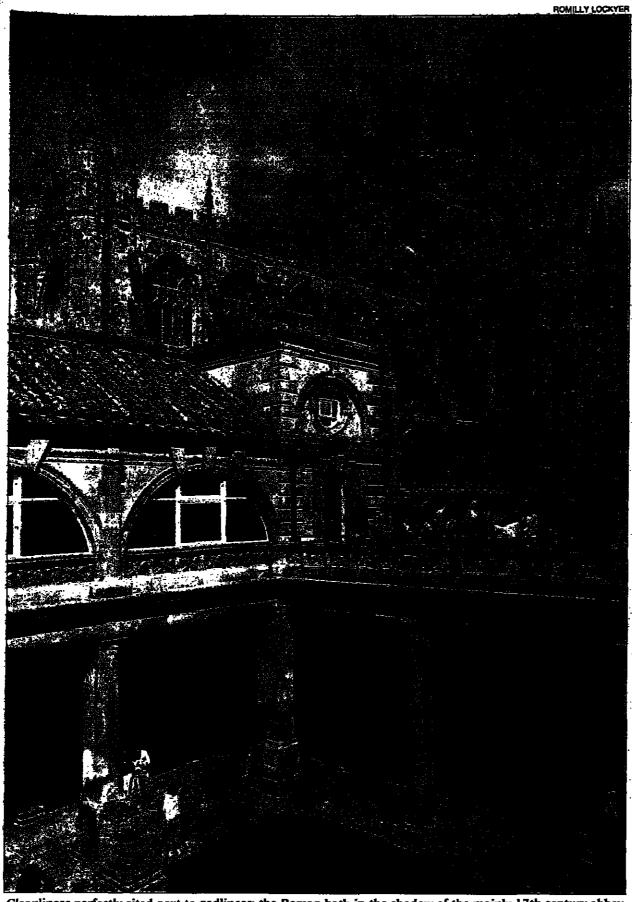
biodiversity, birds are the best indicators you could wish for. The reason is simple: it is easy to see birds, or to hear them. Mam-

enjoying nature, and of studying it. A review on the back of my American field guide declares grandly. In this century, no one has done more to promote an interest in living creatres than Roger Tory Peterson, the inventor of the modern field guide... His greatest contribution to the preservation of biological diversity has been in getting tens of millions of people outdoors with Peterson field

guides in their hands." The ICBP's 221 hot spots are dotted all over the world. Only one

is in Europe: Cyprus. Dr Christoph Imboden, the director-general of the ICBP, summed up: "The concentration of so many unique species of plants and animals in such a small portion of the world is quite staggering. The discovery of these hot spots means that the future of large numbers of species could be secured by a relatively small number of initiatives. By contrast, the loss or degradation would result in unprecedented numbers of extinctions. It is imperative that these hot spots are given the highest priority in inter-

national conservation efforts." SIMON BARNES What's about Birders - Watch out for sparrowhawks, kestrels and other birds of prev starting their aerial displays. Twitchers — Male pine bunting at Dagenham Chase, east London Little bunting at Titchfield Haven. Hampshire. Details from Birdline. 0891 700222.



Cleanliness perfectly sited next to godliness: the Roman bath in the shadow of the mainly 17th-century abbey



Good enough to eat: Bath burns for tea in the Pump Room Classic stones: architectural detail on a town building





Arc de triomphe: Bath's Georgian Royal Crescent, 30 houses in a 200-yard semicircle behind 114 Doric columns, overde

he Romans built Bath for relaxation and entertainment, a place to escape the rigours of colonial life in the far northern reaches of the empire. There they could meet friends and fellow officers while enjoying the comforts and supposed medical benefits that the hot springs provided in an otherwise cold and inhospitable climate.

Some 17 centuries later a

group of Georgian entrepreneurs — or developers, as they would be called today — rebuilt Bath for much the same purpose: as a resort for fashionable society to continue to indulge itself on the pretext of taking a cure for its excesses. Contemporary visitors go not for medical or social reasons, but to marvel at a visual masterpiece.

Occasionally the magic fails to work. About 20 years ago we took our then au pair on a trip to Bath in the hope that it might help to cure her jaundiced view of England and the English. She sat in the back of the car in: silent boredom, a hopelessly lost

Such a reaction must be very rare. For most people, the first glimpse is breathtaking. There it lies, grey and gold in the greenest of valleys, displaying its beauties for all to admire.

There can be few other cities where buildings and landscape complement each other so superbly, from the central area near the river to the geometrical perfection of Royal Crescent and the Circus and, in the distance, the leafy terraces of Lansdown. It is one of only three cities in the world to have been included in its entirety in the Unesco list of world heritage sites, the others being Rome and

Unlike Rome, from which it drew much of its inspiration. Bath is no metropolis. It is a medium-sized city with a population of about 85,000, economically overshadowed by Bristol, a dozen miles away. It earns a good, but by no means exclusive, living from tourism. An antidote to the image of excessive gentility is provided by the formidable local rugby club, and the hoistenucky. its boisterously macho supporters.

Jane Austen was among those who expressed reservations about Bath and its mores, but this did not deter her from making frequent visits. Others were more easily seduced; past residents of the Circus and Royal Crescent include William Pitt the Elder, David Livingstone, Clive of India and Thom-

as Gainsborough. Joseph Haydn was well pleased with what he saw: "Today I looked at the city and found, half way up the hill, a building shaped like a half-moon and more magnificent than any I had seen in London."

"Any visit to Bath should begin with its earliest history. Celtic legend relates that Prince Bladud, a leper who was banished from the court of his father, King Lud, and obliged to work as a swineherd, observed that pigs wallowing in the warm spring waters were cured of skin diseases. He tried the same treatment, was healed and succeeded to the throne.

The Romans went one better and built a temple above the sacred spring, with a series of



BEST OF BRIT

BAT

The Romans built Bath for plea rebuilt it, and still it inspires. Jc

baths fed by pipes. They invent-ed a convenient liaison between the Celtic god Sul and their own goddess Minerva, and the place became known as Aquae Sulis, the Waters of Sul. Minerva. herself was said to have taken up

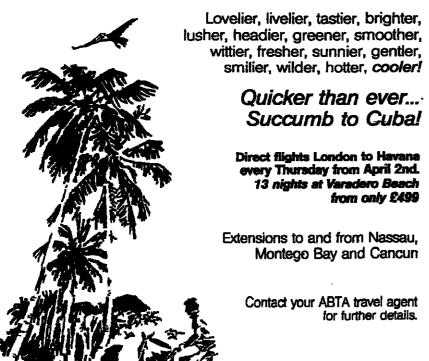
residence beneath the spring. Early in the 5th century. when the legions were recalled to Rome, the leisure complex was abandoned. Bath, however, assumed a new role as the site of a great Saxon monastery next to the spa.

A century later John de Villula, the Norman bishop appointed by William II, planned a vast cathedral, but

work ceased after a fire in 11 The present abbey, begun 1499, is by comparison a m modest structure, occupy, only the site of what would h been the nave of de Villu cathedral.

The Tudors displayed con dictory attitudes to its constr tion. Henry VIII ordered work to be stopped at the tim the Dissolution, but later daughter Elizabeth, sheher during a rainstorm, was dismayed by its half-finis state that she ordered co country for the next seven ye to pay for its completion:

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★ WHERE TO STAY ★



After the general's death, the building was used as a school and later a nurses' home. More recently, Trust-house Forte has spent more than £22 million on restoring and expanding its showpiece, re-creating the atmosphere of a grand country house, al-though it is only ten minutes' walk from the city centre. Last November it won the RAC

hotel of the year award.
Customers paying £150 a
night for a double room (£115
single) get high standards of
service. The drawing-room,



Welcome touch: the impressive lobby of the Bath Spa hotel

with its well-stocked library and blazing log fire, is a delight (0225 444424). The Royal Crescent, which occupies the two centre houses of the famous terrace, is of comparable opulence. Double rooms from £128, singles £100 (0225 319090).
The Francis, in Queen

Square, has fewer preten-sions, but is comfortable and only a short walk from the main business and shopping

area (0225 424257). Good value-for-money can be found at two smaller hotels, the Henrietta (0225 447779) and the Edgar (0225 420619). Both occupy Grade city centre. Double rooms £25-£30, single £20-£30. Holly Lodge (0225 424042) and Leighton House (0225 314769) are large Victorian houses in their own grounds, about ten minutes from the centre. The former is notable for its interior decor and furniture, but smokers should look elsewhere.

I Georgian town houses in the

Bath is surrounded by glorious countryside, with many attractive towns and villages. The choice of places to stay is huge and ranges from country houses to babs. Most unusual is the Bradford Old Windmill (smoke-free), a converted stone tower in Bradford-on-Avort (0225 866842).

 For weekend packages, often at less than half the standard price, see Bath Short Breaks 1991/92, available from Bath Tourist Information Centre, The Colonnades. Bath Street. Bath BAI ISW (0225 462831).

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FOR a city of its size and status. Bath is surprisingly short of high-quality restaurants, and to judge from the shortage of customers - admittedly earl in the week in winter several appear to be sufferin from the recession. An exception might be the handful of top hotels, but . . they are expensive.

· Woods restaurant and brasserie (0225 314812). opposite the Assembly Rooms, can seat up to 120 people in an elegant Georgian ambience.

• Clarets (0225 466688), a basement restaurant and wine bar in Kingsmead Square, near the Theatre Royal, offers an imaginative menu, but the results do not always live up to the promise. The wine list is extensive.

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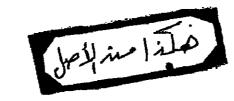
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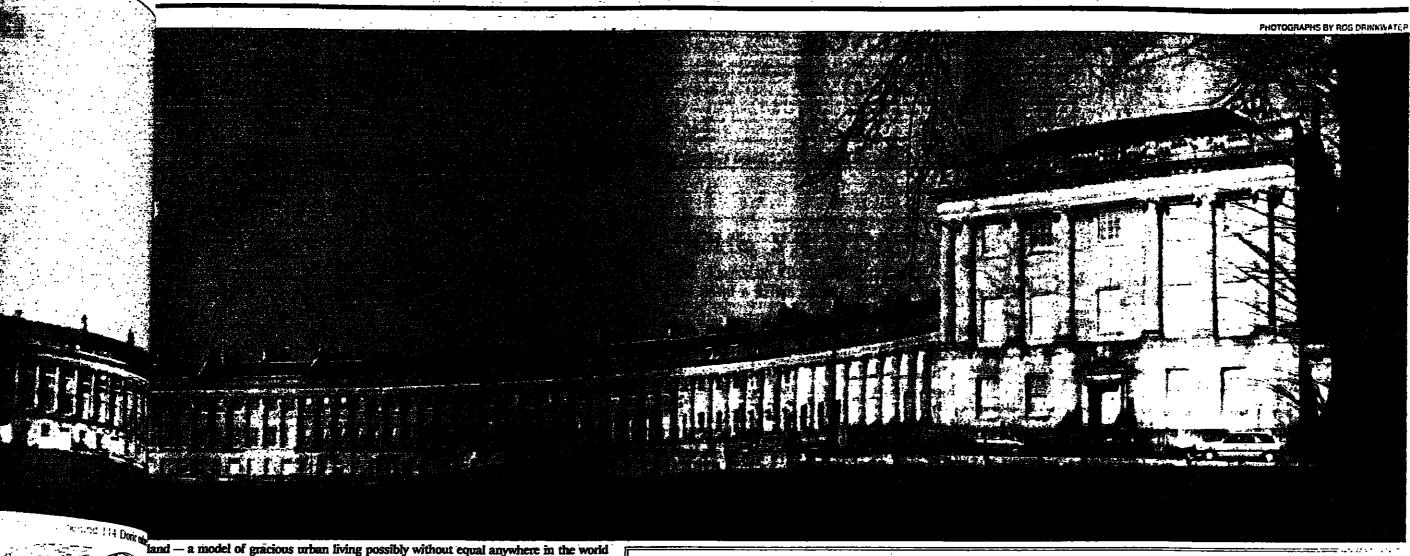
With 237 hotels, pubs and m rants forced out of business in: land alone last year, and a furth. per cent rise in the numbe bankruptcies predicted for this no idea is too wacky, no novel wee break too demeaning, no sugge too crazy to be ignored - provid: attracts more visitors.

Now they have discovered that could be money in madness, hun of hotels, from remote country in London's grandest establishm are selling bedroom space and t wrapped up in often quite outras advertising packages.

Even the Ritz the Stafford. Dukes in central London have ... ordered by their parent com-Cunard Hotels and Resorts. 6. weekend breaks highlighting







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Wife of Bath (0225), near the abbey, is on ambience, but d, though reasonably is nothing special.

3), in Walcot Street, riental fare with ous charm, but does not main its promise. er places locally mended: Circus (0225 3), Cedars (0225 4), and Beaujolais 123417).

Moon and Sixpeno ·160962) is a light and · ine har with a choice ds and hot dishes. Canary (0225 ... 6) offers reasonably favourites such as d salmon and bled eggs and steak dney pudding. In 1989 the Tea Council's

m of the year award.

and drainage refinements of their Roman predecessors, and

soon became squalid.

By the 17th century the water was covered with a foul scum that had to be raked off daily. The great John Wood the Eider, the architectural father of Georgian Bath, observed that "the baths were like so many bear gardens and modesty was enirely shut out of them; people of both sexes bathing by day and night naked; and dogs. cats. pigs and even human creatures were hurled over the rails into the water".

However, Bath was about to enjoy a renaissance under the triumvirate of Wood, Ralph Allen - who made a fortune from reforming the postal service, and who bought the quarries at Claverton and Combe Down, which supplied the lime-stone for the new buildings and Richard "Beau" Nash (not to be confused with the Regency architect John Nash), who set about the task of transforming the muddy, dissolute old town into the apotheosis of beauty, culture and social decorum.

Although a gambler and womaniser, Nash was also a stickler for dress and manners. Such was the strength of his authoritarian personality that he was able to get the filthy streets cleaned and repaired insist on improved standards of public behaviour and, most mportantly, convince the city fathers that men like Wood had the vision to create a Palladian wonder amid the green hills of Somerset.

Beginning north of the abbey, some of the earliest Georgian streets run up the hill beyond the north walls of the medieval borough. A short stroll takes you to Queen Square - Wood's first big project, which he visualised as "a grand Place of Assembly". Wood chose to live in the square, as did Dr William Oliver, the man who invented the Bath Oliver biscuit to aid his patients'

overworked digestions.

A short way further north is Wood's other inspired creation, the Circus, based on the form of a Roman amphitheatre, the centre of which he evidently intended to be used for sporting events. Many regard it as the city's most resplendent jewel, a claim strongly challenged by nearby Royal Crescent, the work of his son, also called John. Thirty houses form a 200-yard semicircle and boast a façade of 114 Doric columns looking out across lawns and parklands. As an example of gracious, urban living it probably has no equal.

Another outstanding example of urban design completed a few years later is Great Pulteney Street, the work of Thomas Baldwin, who was the Bath city architect at the time. It is approached across Robert Adam's famous Pulteney Bridge, close to where the river Avon tumbles over a weir, and was originally intended to be the centre of New Bath, a planned extension of the city to rival the New Town in Edinburgh.

The project was to be financed by a consortium of French banks, but the outbreak of the Napoleonic wars forced them to divert their resources to paying for the emperor's adventures. Most of the streets were never built, but Great Pulteney Street remains a grand boulevard.

Bath needs to be savoured as a piece; a leisurely stroll through the streets, squares and crescents is likely to prove far more rewarding than a helter-skelter dash to take in the main tourist attractions. But it would, of course, be a pity to miss the museum built around the remains of the Roman baths Which were rediscovered in the middle of the last century. including the spectacular Great Bath itself.

isitors can no longer take the waters because of an endemic been declared a health hazard. But if you really want to, you can ess of treated sprin water with your tea and buns in the Pump Room next door.

Other musts include the museum at No I Royal Crescent. which recreates the interior of a Georgian town house, and the Assembly Rooms, where Johann Strauss and Franz Liszt performed. Now happily re-stored after wartime damage and subsequent neglect, the Assembly Rooms are used in part to house the enchanting Museum of Costume; if you think frocks are boring, you

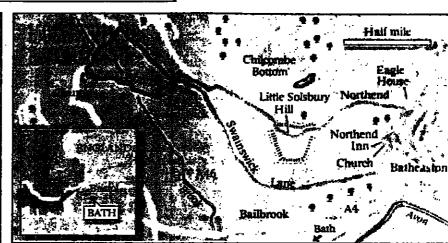
may be in for a surprise. There are more than 20 other museums in the city, one of which tells the story of the building of Georgian Bath. There is no space to list them all here, but they can be found in

the local tourist guide. Shops here have a high reputation, although a number have suffered from the recession. Walcot Street and nearby Bartlett Street contain several notable antique shops, such as Walcot Reclamation, Louiekanz and the Great Western Antique Centre. There is a flea market on Saturday mornings, al-though it would be unwise to

expect too many bargains. The city has not totally escaped the ravages of the 20th century. Bombing raids in the second world war, when it was a centre of Admiralty operations. did some damage, fortunately none too serious. Developers had a go in the 1960s and 1970s with a few regrettable results, but were largely rebuffed. Bath remains unique, a triumph of civilisation, and for

■WHERE TO WALK





Resting in peace: Upper Swainswick church, where the architectural father of Georgian Bath, John Wood, and his equally illustrious son lie buried

appily. Bath was not deapply. Bath was not designed for motor vehicles, and the best way to tour the city is on foot. For those with the time and energy who wish to see something of the surrounding countryside, one option is to drive. or take the bus, out along the old Roman road north of the river, the A4, for about three miles to the village of Batheaston.

Turn left up a narrow road signposted to Northend, which is an extension of the village, pass the church and continue until you reach Eagle House, where John Wood the Younger, the designer of Royal Crescent and the New Assembly Rooms in Bath, lived from 1773 until his death in 1781. The road at this point is wide enough to park the car. Walk back the way you came and turn right up Seven Acres Lane, at the top of which is a footpath

sign. The path leads up the hill, with a cabbage field on the left, and across two more fields, entered by stiles. Keep close to the hedges on the right, a gap ahead gives access to Solsbury Hill camp, the remnants of a Celtic hill fort, owned by the National Trust, where Prince Bladud is said to have cast magic spells before falling to his death. It is a stiffish climb, but on a clear day valley is worth the effort.

Walk across the top of the hill and about 50 yards down the slope to your right you will see another footpath sign. Cross the stile and continue down the slope, with a hedge on your right, beyond which the ground falls steeply down into Chilcombe Bottom.

Cross the main A46 road into the village of Upper Swainswick, where a row of houses turns its back to the

street to take advantage of the view across Lansdown. Buried in the churchyard at the bottom of the hill are Wood and his father, John Wood the Elder, the architectural father of

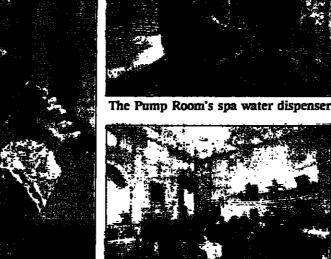
rom here you can either return to Northend or cross the valley to the village of Woolley, about half a mile away. Do not be put off by the signpost pointing to a gate leading into what appears to be a private garden: the path is easy to follow and leads across a meadow to a small bridge across a brook.

The tiny church, built by the younger Wood, is surmounted by a charming if slightly incongruous cupola, and is entered by a door painted bright yellow. At the edge of the churchyard is a memorial to Rear Admiral Peter Puget, the discoverer of Puget Sound on the American Pacific coast, where Se-

Take the lane down past Munor House, recrossing the valley to Upper Swainswick. Walk down the busy A46 for about 300 yards and you will come to a lane signposted to Northend. As you re-enter the virlage, take the stile and path across the fields to the church and drop into the Northend Inn. an old-fashioned pub which serves Ash Vine, a beer competition finalist.

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vo nights at the Ritz is £575.

he Swallow hotel in York is suraging short people to stay by ng its rooms at the rate of £1 per on per inch. For the next month. efore, a 5ft tall adult would pay per night, including all meals. e and accommodation. The "small eautiful" package has been put ther by the 5ft 3in hotelier John lery, who has put a height limit of 6in for male guests and 5ft for nen, and offers to escort them to pubs where drinkers of average tht regularly bump their heads on

1 the Sussex village of Alfriston, the star Deans Place hotel has found ly of charging £275 per person per nt - and then making guests cook themselves. Chefs from the hotel the host or hostess down to the i shops, help them to choose the and wine, and then show them

are pushing back the frontiers of eccentricity

to offer breaks with specialist appeal

how to prepare a table for six people. Then the guests cook their own meal under the cher's tuition.

The Midland Hotel in Derby is offering free meals to former guests who "borrowed" mementoes in the past. The hotel will not press charges, and will even return items to guests after they have been put on display for

For each item displayed there will be reward of either afternoon tea or dinner for two, depending on the curiosity value of the piece concerned. They are confident of collecting enough old cuttery, crockery, chamber pots, monogrammed sheets, orna-

ments, glasses, brochures and bills to put on a good show. Potential pilots can combine a weekend with a first flying lesson with the Pride of Britain hotels "chocks away" package. Congham Hall at King's Lynn in Norfolk, for example, combines a two-night stay for two

people with half board and a flying

lesson for one for £386. Hotels around the country will organise Scrabble, sequence dancing, hang gliding, music, fitness or any other "theme breaks" which the fertile imaginations of the marketing men

can dream up.

A well known literary figure with connections in the area helps. Hipping Hall in Kirkby Lonsdale. Cumbria has identified no less than six local writers and poets for its £550 per person "literary North" breaks in which guide-lecturers tell guests of

where they lived or worked. Chris Martins is a specialist consultant who makes a career out of turning apparently silly ideas into money spinners for hoteliers. Among his triumphs are a "bah humbug" Christmas for a festive season without the trimmings, in which presents were banned and guests were forbidden to wish each other a merry Christmas; a "final fling" weekend for couples about to be divorced to spend a weekend together with a solicitor who does not have to pay; "anti-green" weekends spent in a hotel near a chemical factory and eating every-thing said to be bad for you; "beat the box" weekends without television; and whole raft of golfing weekends, including tape-recorded crowd noises when a ball is finally sunk. "When times are good such things are an indulgence," Mr Martins says, "but when times are hard they lift the spirits, and I am now getting more

calls than ever from hoteliers anxious to do something different."

Whether the gimmick is as apparently inconsequential as that at the Lygon Arms in Broadway, Worcestershire, which welcomes guests' dogs with a bone tied up in either blue or pink ribbon according to sex, or as complex as a Mills and Boon "romance" weekend at the 17th-century Hatton Court in the Cotswolds, where guests become part of a complex plot and receive prizes if they guess what the denouement will be, establishing a theme - and dreaming up a suitable slogan for it — is all that matters.

Penhaven Country House near Bideford has stretched the package puns to the limit with its election special weekend, costing £89.50 per person for two nights, on a date to be notified by the prime minister. "Don't labour at home," the hotel says, "but join us for liberal doses of hospitality at a conservative price."

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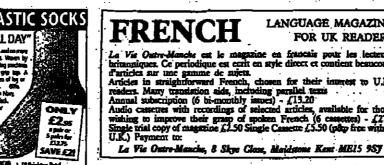


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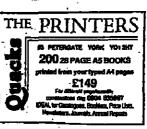
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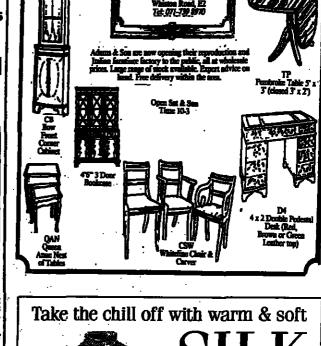
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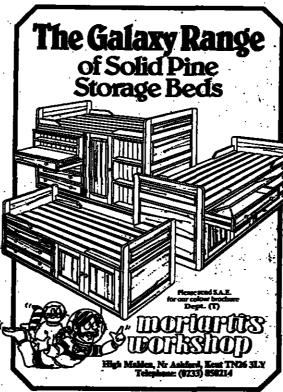
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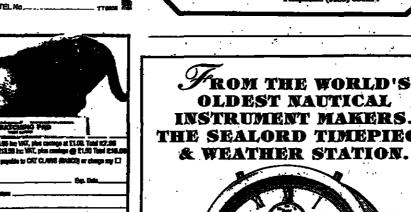




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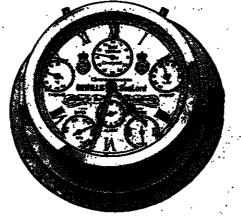






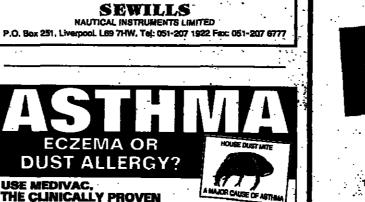
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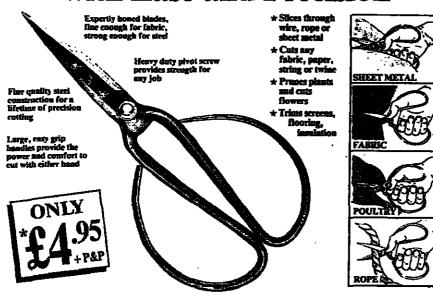
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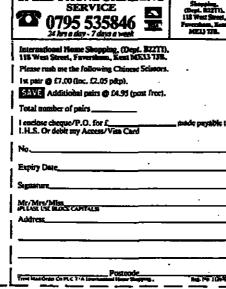
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Francesca Greenoak on the devotees who pay to help keep our great gardens running



Happy with the helping hands: Fiona Crumley, head gardener at the Chelsea Physic Garden (tending a Skimmia japonica), says: "I've come to rely on the Friends'

reat gardens never came cheap: Ellen Wilmott's Warley Place in Essex, and James Bateman's Biddulph Grange in Staffordshire, swallowed large personal fortunes. Even today historic gardens need a lot of money to keep them properly maintained. Some, taking advantage of the public interest, have a band of "Friends" who

fund-raise and give practical help. For an annual subscription. Friends of the Chelsea Physic Garden get a season ticket (and can take along one guest free), two newsletters and entry to two Friends' lectures. Some Friends regularly act as guides or help with practical gardening.

The head gardener. Fiona Crumley, says: "Some of our Friends are really good gardeners who have moved to London houses without gardens and pine for gardening. I've come to rely on them for the care of certain parts

of the garden." A garden always produces more plant material than it can accommodate and Friends can take home some of the surplus plants which would otherwise go on the compost heap. A selection of un-usual mints was the reward for one Friend who revived the mint bed. She also had seedlings from the golden rain tree, the uncommon Koelreuteria paniculata. "I did

Forking out for a friendly dig-in

not realise it self-seeded so readi-" she says. "Coming regularly to the garden, observing plants all year round, you learn a lot."

Friends of the Oxford Botanic Garden do not do practical gardening; for their subscription fee they get five free packets of seed four newsletters, with the

WEEKEND TIPS

 Repot overwintered fuchsia and geranium cuttings, and pinch out growing tips to increase bushiness (delay for two to three weeks in cold regions).

 Take conifer cuttings. Keep ornamental and vegetable beds clear of newly emerging weed seedlings.

• Fork in a light dressing of general fertiliser under established hedges. Sow early salads indoors,

transplanting out to cloches.

plants. Also offered is a reasonably priced monthly event, such as a guided tour of a garden not normally open to the public, a lecture or exhibition.

After just over a year, the Oxford Botanic Garden already has 630 Friends, and the curator, Tim

Lent lily: Helleborus orientalis

Walker, appreciates their keenness as well as the funds they bring in. which have enabled him to provide new visitor mans.

Celebrating their tenth anniversary this year, the Friends of Gilbert White's Selborne garden in Hampshire, the Wakes Weeders, have given much help to the

BEST BUY

ONE of the great pleasures of February is the beautiful Lent lily Helleborus orientalis. with its subtly coloured cupped sepals. There are several distinctive. named forms but they are very expensive as propagation is slow. Simply buying one you fancy (purple, pale, speckled or pinkgreen) from the garden centre and observing the chance seedlings which ensue, is just as much fun - and a lot cheaper. Look out. 100. for the cut-leaved Helleborus foetidus and the statuesque grey green Helleborus argutifolius.

head gardener, David Standing. "Those who can't do heavy work are enormously helpful in other ways, such as collecting and cleaning ripe seed in late summer." he says. They are welcome to seeds and cuttings — the painted lady sweet pea is always a favourite." The heavy Victorian planting

has been gradually replaced by the 18th-century plants that White loved. Some Wakes Weeders are tracing rare varieties, such as the bloody wallflower, others help in tasks such as dividing up the beautiful gold-laced polyanthus. which is a speciality of the garden but not easy to cultivate (the trick is to split the plants up immediately after flowering, replanting the separated parts).

At the large National Trust garden at Calke Abbey in Derbyshire. Steven Biggins is grateful to Friends, who often work long hours. "Some of them are really able, gifted gardeners," he says.

Working in an important and beautiful historic garden, Friends seem to rise to any occasion; they retain a refreshing excitement about gardening, and embarrassed head gardeners often find volunteers coming to thank them at the end of a hard working day. • Further information from: Calke

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Where would you go? Easter Island. It has been an ambition for a long time. Seeing the mighty stone figures built by a people who seem to have chiselled away all their lives would be memorable. How would you get there? I don't like flying but it's the obvious way. I would need a smoker's seat. First-class, and

champagne would help. Where would you stay? Not at one of those recently built hotels that are identical all over the world and are inhabited by people from any continent who manage to dress alike: the women in necklaces of snakes with ruby eyes. Somewhere built pre-1945 with a garden, and an interesting old bar.

Who would be your perfect

My friend Alexandra Pringle. What essential piece of clothing would you take? A dressing gown to sit around too long in, and a straw hat. What if any medicines would

accompany you?

Total block face cream — I can't take much sun. What would you have to eat?

Hopefully prawns, but any local What would you have to drink?

Dury-free gin and tonic, and any local drinks. I have a dud pancreas, which ought to ruin my litestyle but doesn't. What would you read? Samuel Beckett's More Pricks

What music would you prefer? Monteverdi's Orfeo.

What would you watch on television?

Not too much: I haven't much interest in TV, but if the colour is bad I quite enjoy it. In New York I like the colour of Bugs Bunny. I like Roy Lancaster on gardening.

What film would you watch? The Blue Angel, with Marlene Dietrich, or any film with John Hurt. Julie Walters or Billie Whitelaw in it.

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What luxury would you take? It sounds boring, but tea. What piece of art would you like to have there? A Brancusi column to set beside an Easter Island figure and Alta oe Feil? by Gauguin.

welcome guest? One of those people in that daft television coffee advertisement. What three things would you leave behind?

Who would be your last

Shocking things, such as the way fine art departments in art chools are crippled through lack of each, a Cabinet with no women in it, and the number of people sleeping rough. What three things would you

most like to do? To see the Easter Island figures. look at the island itself, and sit in a bar in the evening. It would be good to do something on paper, but two days is very

To whom would you send a postcard?

To my sons: but I send heaps of cards and love getting them. What souvenir would you bring home?

Hopefully the memory of feeling awe and inspiration. What would you like to find when you got home? That the primroses are out.

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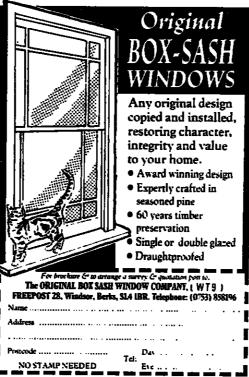
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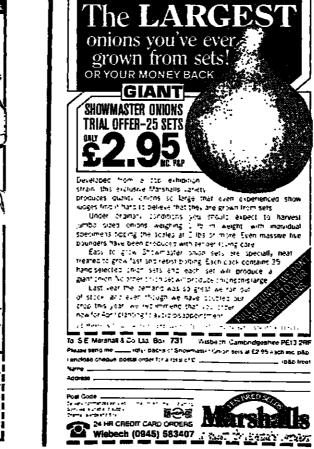








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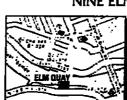
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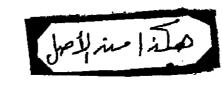
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From the White House to Wales: Dr Peter Bourne, a former assistant to President Carter, and Mary King with their llama Mirimar and the newly born Sheila

Llamas with a Welsh lilt

hen Jimmy Carter, the former American president, and his wife stayed with Peter Bourne and his wife, Mary King, at their llama farm a few years ago, the area was invaded by secret-service agents, hiding in the woods and camping out at the local pub. The Cariers were on holiday at Llanio Isaf, near Tregaron, west Wales, to catch trout from the river Teifi and enjoy relaxing evenings of Welsh song and poemy featuring Mr Carter's beloved Dylan Thomas.

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The plan devised for the visit read like a White House schedule, and every mile was "advanced" or timed by Dr Bourne, a former Carter aide, to ensure it would all go like clockwork. Trips away from the 108-acre farm were all programmed precisely, but there was pace for walking, fishing, or sitting around the Bournes' second-hand oak table eating

the freshly caught trout. Dr Bourne and his wife look back on the visit with satisfaction, because they achieved a balance between the necessary formality of

having a former president to stay for a week, and giving the Carters a sample of the Welsh culture they themselves have come to savour in

the ten years since they bought

their farmhouse at Tregaron. The llamas are very much a part of their Welsh life, since all the births are planned to coincide with Dr Bourne's frequent visits, although two assistant llama keepers help at other times. It is Ms King who names the new arrivals

— 14 so far, including the latest, Sheila.

These days Dr Bourne-is an international trade and development expert, after serving at the UN as an assistant secretary general following his White House period as Mr Carter's special assistant for health issues. He became interested in camel

culture while on a trip to the Sudan, subsequently deciding that if he couldn't have camels, llamas would have to do. The furry, longnecked pack animals of Peru, Bolivia and Chile make perfect

pets, he says. They are very gregarious and intelligent. They stand around watching when I'm working, and when one of the females has a baby, or cria, all the females stand close watching her.

"They like to rub noses with you. They are very hard and self sufficient; Welsh grass is very lush to them because their breed sur-vives in the hard Andes, where the greenery is sparse."

Dr Bourne chose to buy a

second home in Wales because he has Welsh blood, from his mother's side of the family: he has dozens of second cousins around Tregaron. His father was an Oxford scientist, who moved to America in the late 1950s to head the Yerkes Primate Center at Empry University in Atlanta,

Dr Bourne, then aged 18, trained as a psychiatrist, and later worked in community mental health in Georgia, where he met Rosalynn Carter, a longtime volunteer worker. He went to work

Home from home: Dr Peter Bourne and Mary King for Mr Carter, then the state governor, and wrote the ten-page memo which inspired Mr Carter to run for the presidency in 1976.

Ms King progressed from the civil rights movement, about

which she wrote a prize-winning book, to running the Peace Corps in the Carter administration. Now she is a Middle East specialist. who also enjoys competing at llama shows here.

ast year their llamas won the titles "best female under a year" and "best male" at a show run by the British Camelids Society at Ascot. Ms King has researched the farmhouse, finding the first mention in local records was in 1601 quite a contrast to their modern townhouse in Washington DC. The farm is the site of something much older, however - a Roman fort called Bremia, between 70 and 80AD. A garrison of 500 soldiers was stationed there, part of a force sent to quell the Celts.

Ruins of the Roman baths remain in a field near one of the llama enclosures. Indicating the outline of the baths in the remaining stones, Ms King says: "This was the cold bath plunge, this the tepidarium, and this the warm bathing area with underfloor heat-

ing, we think."

There is one reference book that is open more often than any other. It is a tome called South American Camelids, and it is Dr Bourne's bible: "The local vets don't know a lot about llamas and regard them as exotic species," he says. "This book is invaluable. Along with my medical training, it can get me through most problems, like last year when I had to deliver a baby after three days of waiting and

Tramping about the llama paddocks, or along the banks of the river, it is easy to see that at Llanio Isaf Dr Bourne and Ms King have found the peaceful antithesis to their busy working lives. The green hills of Wales must seem irresistible from afar.

JOY BILLINGTON

Heap of the week: Minto House

Seat goes east

the land of the rising sun when Minto House, near Hawick in the Borders, is demolished stone by stone and re-erected in Japan. Douglas Connell, Lord Minto's solicitor, says: "It will be a major tourist attraction; part of a big leisure development there."

Lord Minto's father, the 5th

earl, obtained permission to demolish his ancestral seat in 1972, following the closure of

the prep school that was leasing the house.

Robin Gell, who had successfully restored Faltoun and Newbyth, had wanted to buy it, but the late Lord Minto resisted.
That Minto has survived

another 20 years is, therefore, surprising. Kit Martin, who has rescued more derelict piles than any man in Britain, saw Minto two years ago. "It is a very substantial stone shell," he says. "If it remained someone would certainly come forward in due course to restore and convert it."

Minto has an illustrious architectural history. William Adam, father of the famous Robert, incorporated earlier work and built a large, characteristically plain house here for Sir Gilbert Elliot. This was recast on a butterfly plan, with a bow and portico in the angle, for the 1st Earl Minto between in 1809 and 1814 by Archi-bald Elliot, one of those who transformed Edinburgh into a modern Athens.

W.H. Playfair made alterations in 1837, and in 1859 James Maitland Wardrop introduced stunning French rococo interiors. Then Lorrimer, the Scottish Lutyens, arrived early this century and embellished the interior and terraced the garden to take superb advantage of the site, which is above a ravine.

The late Countess of Minto was one of Scotland's leading gardeners and maintained the garden during and after occupation by the school. Part of the deal with the Japanese,

small slice of Scottish site of the house will be heritage is set to grace landscaped and the Lorrimer landscaped and the Lorrimer layout "stabilised".

The plans to move Minto have caused consternation among Scottish conservation groups, not least because Lord Minto is convener (or chairman) of the Borders Regional Council and could be held to be setting an odd precedent to other owners of listed

buildings.
Lord Minto, however, has a passionate supporter in Patrick Horsburgh, the director of the Environic Foundation in Indiana. Thirty years ago Mr Horsburgh dismantled Wren's St Mary Aldermanbury and recreated it as the chapel for Westminster College, Fulton, Missouri

"The redistribution of unwanted, ruined treasure has now become a cultural obligation," Mr Horsburgh says em-

apparently its rich interiors were stripped out when demolition was approved. The new Japanese owners. Mr Connell says, "plan to recreate Minto as it was in its heydey in the Edwardian period when the 4th earl was Viceroy of India. "Lord Minto has helped them with photographs and memories of the house when he knew it."

Due to the unfortunate events of 1972, Minto's move now looks inevitable. But if it takes place, ministers must ensure that it does not set a precedent for the many dozens of houses in Scotland in a similar state of abandonment.

As Oscar Wilde might have put it: "To lose one house might be considered a misfortune. To lose 100 could only be the result of indolence and incompetence without parallel in the history of British

administration. Last-minute bids to save Minto should be made to Mr Douglas Connell of Dundas Wilson (031-225 1234).

MARCUS BINNEY



Moving house: Minto is on its way to Japan, stone by stone

Tired but tempting: this house near Thiene is priced at £42,269

Rusticity is costly

Buyers' Italy

above may look like an A lealian version of Heap of the Week. But the rustic stone property — structurally sound, but in need of substantial restoration and connection to mains water and electricity - has seven large rooms with exposed beams, stables on the ground floor, and a non-rustic price of £42,269.

The reason for the seemingly high price is that the house is in the Veneto. the prosperous northeastern region of Italy which extends from the Adriatic coast to the snow-capped

Dolomites, from Lake Garda to the Austrian border, and includes many fine cities and beautiful mountain scenery. The house is about 40 minutes

drive inland from Venice and close to the old town of Thiene in the foothills of the Dolomites. The price includes a quarter acre of land with fruit trees, and the

There are many tumbledown houses ripe for development in the area, which can be reached by plane to Venice, Treviso or Verona (allow a day and a half, with an overnight stop, for the drive from Calais or Boulogne), but buyers should allow at least twice the urchase price to modernise. High Street, Knaresborough, North Modern villas in the countryside Yorkshire (0423 867047). purchase price to modernise.

t first glance the house around £100,000 for a three-bedroom detached house, with half an acre of vines and fruit trees.

A large detached house on the outskirts of Verona, for sale at £170,000, has four bedrooms and ornate wrought-iron balconies, five acres of land and a substantial vineyard and a cherry orchard. Around Padua, Verona and

Vicenza are the villas built in the 1500s by Andrea Palladio, the Renaissance architect, as summer houses for the Venetian nobility. To the north are the Dolo-

THE VENETO mites, and some of Italy's most sophisticated winter sports facilities. Cortina d'Ampezzo, the most glamorous ski resort in the area, is about three hours' drive from Venice; Belluno is 90 minutes away.

Property prices are particularly high in Venice, where crumbling palazzos on the Grand Canal sell for more than £2 million. A onebedroom apartment in a converted historic building near Piazza San Marco, with marble floors, painted ceilings and a roof terrace, is for sale at £320,000.

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Piccadilly's prince of darkness

signer, has a tiny but sumptuous two-roomed, top-floor flat off Piccadilly in central London. He is a city dweller who lives for the night, so when he moved into the flat four years ago with Isabella Troy, his Polish girlfriend, he wanted it to be very dark, lit only by pools of light.

The other stipulation was that the flat should be decorated and furnished at no great expense; Mr Gilbey is a protected tenant and could not view the apartment as an

So Mr Gilbey, who owns the Waistcoat Gallery off Savile Row, sought the advice of Michael Reeves, a friend and former colleague. The two worked together in the 1960s when Mr Gilbey was dressing such luminaries as Mick Jagger and Eric Clapton. Today his clients include Lenny Henry and Dannii Minogue. Mr Reeves trained in fashion at

Kingston art college, but now he works almost exclusively on interiors and is designing a new house for John Cleese.

What makes the partnership

Fashion guru Tom Gilbey likes to be kept in the dark, which was quite a challenge for interior designer Michael Reeves

friendship. "I know Tom's charac-ter," Mr Reeves says. "I know he would hate to live in a 'designer' environment. He likes to go around in bare feet and leave newspapers and records on the To cater for this, Mr Reeves has

created a set of soft, richly textured areas dominated by patterns upon patterns. Art deco fabric in black. terracotta and green squares on a chair sits on a richly woven 19thcentury Indian carpet that is predominantly blue and maroon. The backdrop is a striking, geometrically patterned fabric on the walls, bordered by a dark green braid. Drawing attention to the edges like this gives a selfcontained effect. The wall fabric also covers the

padding that was used for soundproofing: Mr Gilbey likes to listen to music at full volume. We both like off-beat colours me o my

and mixed styles," Mr Reeves says. They also both like to use mirrors extensively; Mr Gilbey's flat is full 'The idea of mirrors on mirrors

is that they take the eye in all directions," Mr Gilbey says. "They create a visual effect that makes it difficult to see where it all ends." More striking even than a huge

wall mirror in the open stairwell are the panels of dark blue mirrors that run around the entire flat, creating light, interest and movement_where painted walls would not. Two copper-coloured mirrors on opposite walls, above the rail in the bedroom, reflect into each

other and reflect out exotic arrangements of flowers and foliage. The darkness Mr Gilbey wanted was achieved by the use of dark grey paint throughout. "It is much more exciting than black," Mr Reeves says. On the stair walls and the ceilings he has used a dark terracotta, which looks a different shade in each change of light blackberry-blue in the hall, deep pink in the sitting-room, rich orange red in the bedroom — and

everywhere, purple at night. "Clients often find it difficult to accept a colour when they see it on the walls," Mr Reeves says.

They panic and think they won't be able to live with it, without waiting to see the finished look. Fortunately Tom trusts me and has the courage to go for dark

Mr Gilbey appreciates Mr Reeves encouraging him to think about the overall look rather than specific details. "I tend to get

bogged down in the minutiae," he says. He also knows nothing about lighting. As this was so crucial for a nocturnal dweller living in such a small place, he relied heavily on

The sitting-room is lit by three low-voltage spotlights on the ceilings, and by uplighters in two glass-topped tables either side of a pale turquoise leather sofa. At the windows, two copper-coloured Ve-netian blinds glow warmly at night and give off a deep red colour of their own. "At night the rooms look very moody," Mr Gilbey says.

Much of the furniture has come

from the Lots Road auction house in west London where he and Mr Recves meet most Sunday mornings. It was there that they paid £150 for a pale cream carpet and a Japanese cabinet depicting fighting warriors.
"We have done a cosmetic job

here," Mr Reeves says, "But Tom wanted something amusing and stylish, and he has managed to integrate into it everything he likes."

KAY MARLES



Light work: Michael Reeves, right, created subtle lighting for Tom Gilbey and his girlfriend. Isabella



Essex boys are on the make

Luci Cavendish meets the brothers who have joined forces to create unique, practical designs

brothers Villiers return to the advertising scene, as set designers, directors, producers and scriptwriters of the Creative Circle Awards in London. This is the third year they have produced the show.
The brothers — Harry, aged 32, Tim. 30, and 29year-old Hugo — are perhaps better known for their work

with Laura Ashley: notably for a set of 2,600 steel pieces, including mannequins, for a large display last Christmas and, more recently, a request to make 200 chairs and tables for the shops' interiors. They are also regularly commissioned by interior designers Christopher Nevile

and Kevin McCloud to make

a variety of beautiful one-off

objects, including candlesticks, chairs and lamps. Operating out of an office at Fyfield Hall in Essex, the brothers blend their talents extremely well. Harry (who was in Rome when our photograph was taken) is a trained graphic artist. Hugo is a carpenter, who spent many years designing and building sets for the Cambridge Footlights and then went on to create exhibition stands. Tim is the down-to-earth one, who for several years was an

industrial steel-cutter in London's Docklands. They joined forces two years ago because they felt unfulfilled in their respective jobs. "We have complementary talents," Harry says. "and each of us likes to work for himself — that's why this arrangement is so good."

The range of items the brothers produce indicates that the combination works. Their products are, as they describe them, "traditionalmodern"; simple and expiece has been worried over, adjusted and redesigned until all three of them feel it is the best model possible.

Villiers *për*e was an inventor and the boys remember the creative inspiration he instilled in them, a process

the which they say was a natural progression of their childhood. They also had access to a vast array of tools. "We used to make go-karts using lawnmower engines." Hugo says. "Harry would design the basis and Tim and would work on the model. I remember bowling down the strects of Mill End Green. near Great Dunmow in Essex, in a motorised go-kart with wooden wheels."

At this point, all three collapse into laughter. "We worked really well together then." says Harry. "We were always making some crazy toy to play with. I guess that's how we knew that we could work together when we set

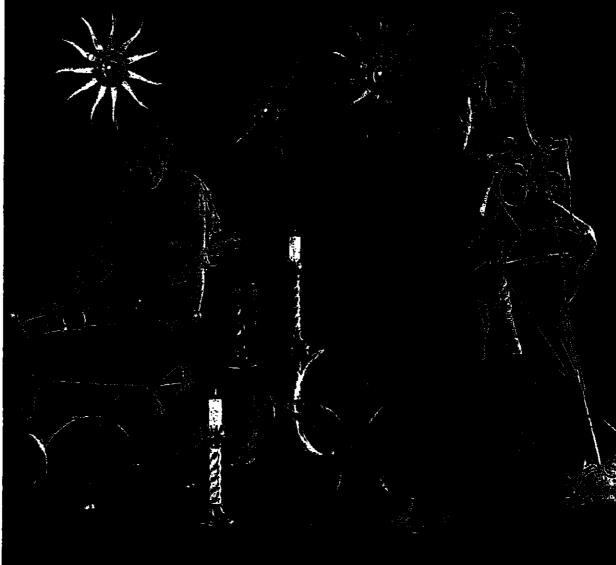
We have been brought up to appreciate the work and care put into a piece, not just the artistic quality," Tim says. We will work really hard to provide our customers with something very special and well thought out."

When a piece is commis-sioned, Harry, the main designer, scours shops for the perfect accessory. Recently he found crystal balls for banister balustrades and a large. deep-blue glass orb to make a chandelier. He then hands the job over to Tim and Hugo, who decide exactly how to create the perfect piece from Harry's inspiration.

"An idea will always be in the backs of our minds," Hugo says. "All of us will now be thinking how to use this orb. This is how our set-up is. "We spark off each other. There are no real roles of who does what, although each of

us knows his specialities." It is this creative pool that produces a range of beautiful pieces, such as wooden paintcandlesticks, Mexican glazed mirrors, lamps, steel tables, minimalist chairs, umbrellas and a kitchen unit on

"None of our designs are the same," Harry says.
"When we start a piece of work we actually have no idea how it is going to turn out. It depends what happens dur-



Brotherly loves: Hugo, left, and Tim Villiers are two-thirds of a family business that combines art with practicality

ing its creation. We might add a piece of steel, or some carved work. It's more exciting that way."

The Villiers appear to have the ability to create a design out of next to nothing. If a customer wants a piece made. Harry can work from as little as a scribble on the back of a cigarette packet.

'I look at the basic design," he says, "and then talk it over with the customer. Then I sit down and draw something Tim and Hugo can work from. Each stage is approved and finally we go ahead and make the piece.

The Villiers say they will make just about anything in any style. "What we really like is to do a range of different. things," Hugo says. "The more difficult the job the better. It's more exciting producing all sorts of new things. I also like our way of working because the customer becomes so involved and we build up a personal rela-

tionship." The Villiers describe their work as based on tradition. but with an edge. "We like to push the barriers of interiors forward," Tim says. "People these days are more willing to try out a new design and be a bit more innovative with their

"What we design always has something a bit different. like putting wheels on the

traditional kitchen unit to make it a bit more modern. Harry thinks that their customers appreciate

brothers input.
We always keep to the approved design, but add a bit of our own character to it. he says. "I don't think anyone has been disappointed. We aim to excite, to create and to inspire in a practical way." The Villiers. Fyfield Hall. Fyfield. nr Ongar. Essex. CM5 USA (0277 899680) for works in

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of the species.

Acknowledging the pedigree sustained by cult objects that have stood the test of time, the thoroughbreds of classic design — Alessi kettles, Alvar Aalto vases and Victorinox Swiss army knives – arė on sale.

But the impersonal hard-edged look of the days of conspicuous consumption has given way to a softer, more individual style — a cross breed of handcrafted pieces, colour-ful designs and witty

Maison took over the site of Astrohome, one of the stalwarts of modish 1980s living. Re-vamped by the architect Eva Jiricna it has a smart, comfortable interior with a Spanish sandstone floor. Back-lit,

sand-blasted glass and wooden shelving is designed to show the new desirables at their More than 3,500 accessories from around the world

are on sale. The keynote is quality, function and good esign, but humour has not been forgotten in this bid to present an edited version of the world's top objets. The products are the per-sonal choice of Mike and Rob Smith, Maison's direc-

tor brothers. It is on their insistence that contemporary whimsies are presented alongside the classics. You are as likely to find a beautifully labelled tin of Charbonnel et Walker hot chocolate drink as up-beat stationery or finely crafted Polish glassware. Colourful school scribble pads sit cheekily alongside covetable leather-bound di-

aries designed by the archi-tect Michael Graves. Bright blue loofahs perch beside the thoroughly modern em-broidered and printed bed linens designed by Javier Mariscal. One tremendous plus is that Maison will also gift

wrap your purchases in city maps of London. Paris and New York at £1.50 a sheet. Explaining the shop's

eclectic collection. Mr Smith says: "If you want to buy 4 beautiful or unusual things for your home, where can you go in London apart from The Conran Shop? We have cho-sen accessories for their special qualities and ones that are easily available abroad, but not in Britain until now.

"Our customers are not only high-earning trendies, but also people without much money to spend, so the price range caters for both. We wanted to bring the fun element back into shop-



Maison's Mickey Mouse, £16.50

ping. Rather than the hard, austere look of the style shops of the 1980s, we have tried to create a department store atmosphere with a hands on approach, encouraging people to pick things up rather than locking

them away."

Most of the accessories in Maison rely less on a name for their appeal than on their intrinsic usefulness or their good design, although kitsch the newest 1990s trend also has its place, with pear and pineapple-shaped hot water bottles and bear-

As for the prices, you can pay £165 for a chunky pear-wood parmesan cheesegrater, or E9.95 for a classic Pastis bottle. The most expensive item is a glass, cactus-shaped bowl by Daume at £2,400; the cheapest is a rubber coaster at 75 p.

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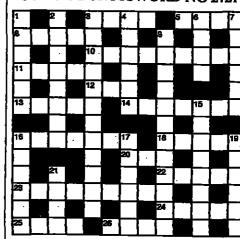
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9.15 Getting Through. Sybil Phaehb, who has fostered more than 200 children, explains how her faith, family and garden have helped her cope with difficult times (1276491) 9.30 This is the Day from Fergusie Park in Paisley (92531)
10.00 See Hearl Gerard MacGuire and Karen Hobbs look at the way that

10.30 Deutsch Direkti (r) (5118946) 10.55 Advice Shop (7095743)
11.00 Business Matters. David Lomax watches American self-made millionaire Tom Peters addressing a conference (r) (4633)
11.30 Work is a Four Letter Word. How to use the talephone to your

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to a leading political figure (2562878)

2.00 EastEnders. Omnibus edition (Ceefex) (a) (r) (35033)

3.00 Film: Force 10 from Navarone (1978) starring Harrison Ford,
Robert Shaw and Edward Fox. Belated sequel to *The Guns of*'Navarone. The commandos have orders to blow up a vital Nazi

bridge in Yugoslavia. Directed by Guy Hamilton (53149) 5.09 The Clothes Show (s) (5149) 5.06 The Clothes Show (s) (5149)
5.30 Antiques Roadshow. From York (Ceefax) (712878)
6.15 Play It Safe. Preventing playground accidents (Ceefax) (622385)
6.25 News with Chris Lowe. Weather (758149)
6.40 Songs of Praise from Kilmarnock. (Ceefax) (s) (909762)
7.15 'Allol 'Allol (Ceefax) (s) (642762)
7.45 Lovejoy: Scotch on the Rocks. Comedy drama starring lan McShane as a shady antiques dealer. (Ceefax) (s) (296033)



Ghostbusters: Peake-Jones, Costigan and brood (8.35pm)

 CHOICE: A couple move into a new house and as things start to go bump in the night they discover it is haunted by a woman ghost who has managed to scare off the 16 previous owners. As situation comedies go the plot is unusual, though as the ghost has no intention of getting nd of the present incumbents the writer Paul A. Mendelson may have difficulty squeezing much out it. We shall see. Meanwhile Mendelson, who wrole the romantic comedy May to December, shows his facility for gently amusing dialogue, and the cast is excellent. Miriam Karlin plays the ghost, though why so much should be made of the phantom's Jewishness is not yet clear. George Costigan and Tessa Peake-Jones are in lively form as the couple and Laura Simmons shapes well as that familiar sitcom character, the truculent teenage daughter. (Ceefax) (s)

9.05 One Foot in the Grave. Comedy starring Richard Wilson and Annette Crosbie. (Ceefax) (s) (291897)
9.40 News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Weather (165762)
9.55 Mastermind. The specialist subjects are Pieter Bruegel the Elder,
British freshwater fish, the history of the flute and its music, and

Soviet Russian literature 1917-1977 (s) (702217)
10.25 Everyman: Mutual Ald. The remarkable story of Geel, a small Belgian market town. For more than 600 years the townspeople have opened their doors to people with psychiatric and physical disabilities. (Ceefax) (911675)

11.05 Dear John: USA. Judd Hirsch returns as the lonely hearted hero in

the American version of the popular British comedy (124089) 11.30 The Shadow: Doctors. Two GPs from Galeshead and Granada

compare each other's lifestyles. (Ceefax) (30588) 12.00 'The Sky at Night with Patrick Moore (4689927)

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the ice hockey final. Plus Dougle Domelly at the World indoor
bowts championship from the Guild Hall, Preston (s) (5821304)
 5.00 Rugby Special, Chris Rea introduces coverage of the Pilkington

Cup quarter-finals (s) (5526)

Olympics Today. A look back at the 16 days of competition (762)

The Money Programme. Brian Barron reports from China and asks if China can maintain its hard-line communist regime and embrace capitalism at the same time to develop its economy (649878)
7.15 The Natural World: Portrait of the Planet. The programme

presents a wide-ranging view of the planet and the changes that man has wrought. The documentary won the Bast Conservation/Environment Film award at last year's Jackson Hole international film festival. (Ceefax) (156743)

8.05 Follow The Money: The Great British Invention

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business, Christopher Hird looks at the old corundrum of why we are so good at inventing things but often very bad at putting our are so good at inventing things but often very bed at putting our inventions into effect. Hird's examples are mostly the tamiliar ones: the jet engine, penicillin, the computer, the hovercraft, the body-scanner. Their stories have been told many times, not least on television. Together they add up to a formidable accusation that the British have been consistently unable or unwilling to recognise and reward scientific initiative. The result is that the good ideas go overseas. Hird suggests several reasons and one underlying one. Unlike their competitors in the United States and Japen, British companies are not big enough to risk investing in expensive projects that might not come to fruition for many years. (253656) 5 Trying Times. An amusing tale of American anger, starting Carrie 9.05 Trying Times. An amusing tale of American angst, starring Carrie

9.30 Did You See. . . ? Jeremy Paoman is joined by former Scottish National Party MP Margo MacDonald, Nigerian writer Simi Bedford and cornedy writer and performer Peta McCarthy for a discussion on the new drama series Rides, the cornedy Men Behaving Badily and in Time of War (s) (90385)



Husband and wives: Khan, Bhattacharjee and Syal (10.00pm)

10.00 Screen Two: My Sister-Wife.

CHOICE: Meera Syal is author and star of an unorthodox triangle drama set in a weelthy sector of Britain's Pakistani community Squaring a modern, independent lifestyle with her Pakistan background, she falls in love with a handsome businessman (Paul Bhattacharkee). There is a snag. He is already married. But since they are both Muslims there is no barrier to his taking another wife. So Sval moves into his household as write to him and "sister" to the original wife (Shaheen Khan). But wife number one is determined to get her husband back and there follows an intense tale of subterfuge, suspicion and jealousy as the two women jockey for position. Meera Syal the writer offers illuminating contrasts between Western and Asian cultures, but Syal the actress struggles with an unsympathetic part. The moral of the story is to stick with one partner at a time. It is far less complicated (s) (11014) 11.30 Otympics '92. Desmond Lynam presents some of the more memorable moments of the past two weeks, plus highlights of loday's ice hockey final and the closing ceremony (391472). Ends

6.00 TV-am (9185149) 9.25 Disney Club (7048385) 10.45 Link. Successful American actress and come explains how she used humour to deal with reactions to her cerebral palsy. (Oracle) (1211743)

11.00 Morning Worship from Emmanuel College, Newcastle (63304).

12.00 Encounter examines Hazel Platts' extraordinary work over the

past 30 years with the people of Calcutta (s) (88052) 12.30 LWT News Weekend (3992052) 12.55 Weather (90788762)

1.00 News with Edwars Stourton. Weather (17070089)
1.10 Walden. Brian Walden Interviews Robin Cook, the shadow health secretary (s) (6680043) 1.55 The Day (47477304)
2.00 Shooter. Nick Owen introduces coverage of the Pearl Assurance British open from the Assembly Rooms in Derby (1430052). 3.20 The Match. Live coverage of the match between Evert Leeds United from Goodison Park. Alan Parry is the comm en Everton and

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6.40 Highway. Sir Harry Secombe visits Fort William. (Oracle) (994830)
7.15 You've Been Framed! Jeremy Beadle presents a compilation of layourite amateur out-takes (637830)
7.45 The Dasting Buds Of May: A Season of Heavenly Gifts. Gentle comedy/drams series that focuses on the pleasant side of human nature — something like The Waltons with a British accent. Pop cannot believe his luck when he helps a former RAF pilot. (Oracle)

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10.05 Old Boy Network. Part two of the comedy starring Tom Conti and John Standing. Our heroes are approached by a beautiful former



Drawing on her Portuguese upbringing: Paula Rego (10.35pm)

10.35 The South Bank Show: Paula Rego

● CHOICE: There is nothing like The South Bank Show for pulling out superlatives. Tonight's comes from the critic John McEwen, who describes Paula Rego as "the most widely regarded British-based artist of today". Rego has been British-based for 25 years but much of the inspiration for her work still comes from her native Portugal. Like Georges Simenon, who continued to set novels in Paris while living in the United States, Rego cannot erase her early Pans while living in the United States, Hego carnot erase her early years. Central to her life and work is a reaction against a wealthy tamily background in which women were expected to do nothing. This is the cue for enthusiastic feminist approval from Germaine Greer, who acclaims Rego's spontaneity and "profound subversiveness". Sensibly eschewing a chronological approach for a thematic one, director Melissa Raimes provides an useful portrait of an unusual and individual talent (899014).

11.35 Hooked! Fifth of six programmes investigating drugs in the 1990s. (415946)

12.05am Snooker. Highlights of two fourth-round matches from the Pearl Assurance British open (9097960) 1.05 Cue The Music. David Essex in concert at London's Albert Hall (s)

(5754540) 2.10 The ITV Chart Show (s) (r) (3837144)
3.10 Film: The Man Who Could Chest Death (b/w, 1959) staring Christopher Lee. Hammer horror about a mysteriously handsome scientist who has found a surgical way of staying young. Directed by Terence Fisher (5001328)

4.35 Pick of the Week. Regional television highlights (r) (30927)
5.05 Soap. More mayhem with the Tates and the Campbells (r) (79328)
5.30 ITN Morning News (33453). Ends at 6.00

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English subtitles (1473507)

10.00 Dispatches. A documenary investigation into accusations of Salanism and the Satanic abuse of children (r) (3914061)
10.45 Dennis. Animated adventures (1219385) 11.00 D'Art. Deaf children are helped in a short dance routine by Mark

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11.30 Filipper. Classic 1960s series featuring a lovable dolphin (4762)
12.00 Little House on the Prairie. Drama series about family life in the 1880s on the Kansas plains (r) (17052)
1.00 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea. Virtage underwater adventure series about an extraordinary submarine and its craw (93472)
2.00 Opera On 4: Orfeo ed Euridice. A recording of Harry Kupfer's production of Gluck's opera from the Royal Opera House, directed by Hans Hutscher and featuring soloists Jochen Kowalski and Gillian Webster (s) (59323)

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3.30 The Three Stoogas in Idiots Deluxe (b/w) (9500694)

3.55 Serengeti Haa Not Died. Sir Peter Scott introduces this Survival documentary exploring Africa's greatest wildlife area (r) (9585385)

4.25 Valued Opinion. Max Robertson presents the last in the series on collecting antiques. Today he is joined by Sotheby's jewellery department director Alexandra Phodes to view some art deco

gems (8480120) 4.55 News headlines and weather (5175965) 5.00 Scottish Eye. An examination of the crisis in Scotland's forestry industry, following the government's decision three years ago to withdraw tax concessions to encourage forestration (8859)



Computerised cross-examination: Paddy Ashdown, MP (5.30pm)

5.30 Star Chamber with the Liberal Democrat leader Paddy Ashdown

(s) (217)
6.00 The Press Gang. The return of the children's drama series centred on the young editorial staff of the Junior Gazette (r). (Teletext) (830) 6.30 The Wonder Years. Nostalgro comedy/drama about a teenage boy in 1960s America (s) (410) 7.00 Fragile Earth. The RSPB investigation unit is dedicated to saving rare birds eggs from the clutches of human predators. Thanks to their efforts, it is now the trappers, texidermists, game keepers and egg collectors who are getting trapped (r). (Teletext) (3491) 8.00 Whicker's World — Down Under. Alan Whicker visits one of the world's strangest communities in the opal town of Coober Pedy

world's strengest communities in the opal town of Coober Pedy where the miners live in air-conditioned underground homes to escape the inhospitable climate (r) (7743)

8.30 On The Edge. The last programme in the series on improvisation in music explores the role of improvised music in society (s)

Burning Books. Includes an interview with the author of Love Story, Erich Segal; and a look at the continued obsession with Elvis Presley in Griel Marcus's book Dead Elvis (18781)

10.00 Film: The Smallest Show On Earth (1957, b/w) starring Peter Sellers as a drunken projectionist in a delapidated fleapit cinema

inherited by a married couple (Bill Travers and Virginia McKenna)
Directed by Basil Dearden. (Ceefax) (39410)
11.30 Film: La Cage aux Folies (1978). Comedy about a co-habiting

homosexual couple, one of whom has a son who announces that he intends to marry and bring his intended in-laws to his father's gay nightclub in St Tropez. Directed by Edouard Maloinaro. In French with English subtitles (980236). Ends at 1.10em

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8.15 The Steam Driven Adventures of Riverboat Bilt: Cartoon (288188)
10.15 E.A.R.T.H. Force (1990): Ecological drama (286304)
12.15pm The Postman Always Fings Twice (1946, b/w): Two lovers plot to murder the woman's husband. Starring Lana Turner (22056)
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8.05 Mountains of the Moon (1990): Adventure about a Victorian explorar's search for the source of the Nile (7239033).

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5.00 Soundings: From Aria to Zanolini ... An A-Z of Rossini
6.00 Songs of Expectation: A meditation on the pligrimage of the Christian soul, With the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Chamber Choir under Professor Ian Tracey
7.00 Variations, Blues and Concord: The pianist Joanna MacGregor plays lves (Threa-Page Sonata); Copland (Four Blues, No 3); Ives (The Anti-Abolitionist Riots; Some Southpaw Pitching); Monk,

Southpaw Pitching); Monk, transc MacGregor (Round Midnight; Monk's Point); Ives (The Alcotts, Concord Sonats)

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RADIO 3

7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont):
Frescobaldi (Cantona a 4 Nos
3 and 5): Brahms (Serenade
No 1 in D. Op 11)

(Lord Let Me Know Mine End):
Thomas Roseingrave (Fugue
No 13 in E minor): Handel
(Acis and Gelatea, Air, Heart,
the Seat of Soft Delight;
Chonus, Gelatea, Dry Thy
Tears); Sammartini (Concerto
grosso No 8 in G minor)
9.15 The Julilland Casartet
performs Haydn (Interlude and
Sonata V. The Seven Last
Words of Christ on the Cross:
with Joe Humphrey, tenor);

with Joe Humphrey, tenor); Schubert (Quartet in A minor, D 804) 10.15 Music Weekly, with Peter

 CHOICE: Radio 3's short season featuring works by Russia's greatest dramatist as well as plays that have their origins in the Chekhov canon, begins tonight with John Tydeman's 1965 production of The Three Sisters, starting Lynn Redgrave, Rosalie Crutchley and Jill Bennett, and still thought by many critics to be the definitive radio production of the play. Among the other names shining brightly in the cast are Paul Scofield (as Vershinin), lan McKellen, Tenry Scully and Wiffind Lawson. Next Sunday brings back Gwen Pirangcon-Daves in the 1974 The Charry Orchard. Orchard 9.30 BBC Scottish SO under Hanry Lewis performs Beethoven (Overture, Leonore No 3); Haydri (Symphony No 102) (r) 10.15 USSR National Youth Choir under Vladimir Minin sings Sviridov (Three Tolstoy Choruses; loon); Sveshnikov (In the Dark Forest; O Ye Wide Stappe; The Evening Belis;

Brooms)

10.50 Harps and Lutes: Christopher Wison and Lucy Duran discuss with Graham Dixon the differing sounds of plucked instruments from the European Renassance and Wed Africa (r)

12.00 News 12.05em Close

(s) Stereo on PM 5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing, Incl 6.03 Weather 6.10 Pretude (s) 6.30 Moming Has Broken, Incl Bells on Sunday (s) 6.55 Weather 7.00 News 7.10 Sunday Pagers

7.15 On Your Farm: Oliver Walston

7.15 On Your Fama: Oliver Walston visits Rosemaund Experimental Husbandry Farm near Hereford 7.40 Sunday 7.55 Weather 8.00 News 8.10 Sunday Papers 8.50 Sue MacGregor speaks for the Week's Good Cause on behalf of the Rener Foundation, which helps young people to overcome sexual abuse 8.55 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Sunday Papers 9.15 Letter from America (r) 9.30 Morning Service from St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Rosetta, Beffast 10.15 The Archers: Omnibus edition

11.15 News Stand, with Martin

11.15 News Stand, with Martin Wainwright (s)
11.30 Pick of the Week, with Chris Seris (s) (r)
12.15pm Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's castaway is the singer-songwriter Elvis Costello (s) 12.56 Weether
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2.00 Gerdeners' Question Time:
Members of the Willaston and
District Hortcultural Society
from the Wirral in Cheshire put
their queries to the experts
2.30 Sunday Playhouse: Part of
the Furniture, by Trevor Lloyd
A man rents a room. But what
does he want it for? (3) [7]
3.30 The Radio Programme: Gold
Fever. Laune Taylor explores
the resurgence in popularity of

the resurgence in popularity of past hits
4.00 Analysis: An Unnatural
Practice. Peter Hennessy
looks at the prospects for
coalition government in Britain

4.47 Golden Oldies: Les Woodland talks to 85-year-old Alar soom wino communes to oversee his garden centre and steam park (5 of 6) 5.00 Down Your Way: Clay Jones visits Ebbw Vale, where preparations are under way for Garden Festival Wales (s)

RADIO 4

5.40 First Person: The actress Indra Ové talks about auditions (s) (r) 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather 6.00 News 6.15 Feedbeck(r) 6.30 Present Voices, Past Words:

George V. Higgins discus his tavourite novel, John O'Hara's Appointment in narra (5 ol 6) (s) (r) 7.00 Africa: Deadline for the Dark Continent, Michael Bu reports on the pight of the African people, in the first of four programmes he esists whether the West should help the victims of civil war, and whether it has a morel obligation to intervene directly

in places such as Somalia
7.30 Bookshelf (r)
8.00 The Radio 4 Debates: The
Church Debate. From Church
House, Westminster, members
of the Church of England
Synod and Christians Imm Synod and Christians from other denominations debate the proposition that: "The time has come to diseasablish the Church of England." Cherman

Brian Redheed (3 of 4) 9.00 The Natural History 9.00 The Natural Pascory
Programmie (r)
9.30 Special Assignment (r) 9.5
Weather 10.00 News
10.15 Another Pharaoh
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hill of granite, and standing 60 metres higher than the Empire State building, Franco's tomb outside Madrid was originally intended as a memorial to the civil war fallen and not as a permanent reminder that for nearly 50 years Spein was in a dictator's grip. After taking account of the huge cost of building the cenotaph in terms of money and human lives. Harold Heckle's feature opens out to put the tomb into some kind of historical and social context. This may detract from the drame, but there is plenty

the drame, but there is plenty left to make this recommendable listening (s) 11.00 in Committee 11.30 Seeds of Feith: The Celtic Way — From Lindisfame to Little Gidding. Ian Bradley continues his exploration of Celtic Christianily (3 of 4) (s) 12.00-12.43am News, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43 World Service (LW only)

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Chart Show (6180415) 5.00-5.30 Night Flight (79328)

LIFESTYLE

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Neale James (FM only until 6.00am) 7.00 The Johnnie Walker Breakfast Show 9.30 Dave Lee Travs 12.30pm Pick of the Pops The Top 20 cherts of 1964, 1971 and 1985 2.30 Simon Mayo 4.30 The Complete UK Top 40 7.00 Anne Nightingale's Request Show 9.00 Andy Kershaw 11.00 John Peel (FM only from 12.00) 2.00-4.00am Lynn Parsons (FM only)

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FM Sterea 4.00am David Afen 7.00 Don Maciesn says Good Morrang Sunday 9.05 John South: The Catif Richard Story (1 of 6) 12.00-7.00pm The Vintage Years Desmand Camnigton with Radio 2 All-Time Greatis; 2.00 Bearry Green, 3.00 Alan Dell with Sounds Essy, 4.00 Palm Court Time; 4.30 Sing Something Sample, 5.00 Charle Chester: Sunday Soapbox 7.00 Richard Bast Tunes 10.00 Radio 2 Arts Programme: Plannists Take a Bow (r) 12.05em Gytes Brandreth (r) 1.00 Andrew Lane with Night Rade 3.00-4.00 A Lettle Night Aluse

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until 2.00pm.
10.30 Education Matters (r) 11.00 Learn to Earn (r) 11.30 A Century Remembered 1910-1920
18 of 10) (r) 12.05pm Rings-Winner, 0345 90593 1.40 Open Forum visits Sussex, University 2.00 And New Read On (r) 2.30 They Think It's All Over, Sports quiz (r) 3.00 Football Extra.
Barchys League — Everton v Leads Utd 5.10 Bob Hatton Rattle 6.05 Mission Investigates: Who Wee the Real Robin Hood? (r) 6.30 The Railway Children, by E. Nestot (3 of 4) (r) 7.00
Sports Bulletin 7.10 Open University: Visions of Europe 7.30 Matths Miscellany; 7.50 Mystery Plays; 8.10 Patterns of Consumption, 8.30 Policy Melling in Education, 8.50 At Summer School, 8.10 Irony and Torn Jones; 9.30 Issues in Information Technology 10.15 Across the Line, incl 11.00 Sport 12.00-12.10am News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All tones in GMT. 4.30am World Bus
Review 4.40 Travel and Weather News
News and Press Review in German
Serman Festures 5.24 News in German 5.30 Europe This Weekend 5.59 Weekend 6.59 Weather
5.09 News About Britain 6.15 Letter from America 6.30 Londres Malan 6.59 Weather German Figetures 5.24 News in German F.30 Europa I his Weekend 5.59 Weether 5.00 News 6.09 News About Britan 6.15 Letter from America 6.30 Londres Main 6.59 Weether 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 From Our Own Correspondent 7.50 Winte On . 8.00 News 8.09 Words of Faith 9.00 News 9.05 World Business Review 9.15 Short Story Surviving on Mexican Shade 9.30 Fok in Britain 9.45 Sports Roundup 10.01 Science in Action 10.30 in Praise of God 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Londres Maid 11.45 Mittagerregatin 11.59 Weether 12.01 pm Play of the Week Amongst Berberians 1.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Londres South 11.59 Weether 12.01 pm Play of the Week Amongst Berberians 1.00 Newsdesk 11.30 News and European Leaders 3.00 News 3.15 International Rocklet 4.00 News 4.09 News About Britain 4.15 BBC English 4.30 News in German 4.40 German Features 4.59 Travel News 5.00 News and Business Review 5.15 Cub 646 5.30 Londres Soir 6.14 BBC English 6.29 News 6.30 News in German 8.40 German Features 7.54 News in German 8.00 News and Business Review 11.5 Cub 646 5.30 Londres Demain 8.00 News and Business Review 11.15 Mexican 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 11.05 World Business Review 11.15 Music with Methods 10.00 Newsdesk 12.30 Mex 11.00 News 11.00 World and British News 11.65 Mexican 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 11.05 World Business Review 11.15 Music with Methods 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30 Composer of the Month: Bengamin British 3.00 News 3.09 Words of Farth 3.15 Sports Roundup 3.30 Anything Goes 4.00 News 4.15 Taxi

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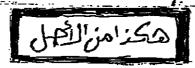
6.55em Weather 7.00 Morning Concert: Faure (Prelude, Pérélope); Schuber (Impromptus in G flat and E flat); Bruckner (Pselm 150)

8.30 News
8.35 A Land with Music: Second of eight programmes. William Corbett (Concerto in D., Al'Irelandese); Maurice Greene (Lord Let Me Know Mine End); Thomas Brasingrapus (Europe)

Paul Nash 11.00 From the Prome 1991: BBC SO under Mark Elder, with SO under Mark Eider, with Staphen Hough, piano, Linda Finnie, soprano, Gery Lakes, tenpr, performs Mozart (Plano Corocarto No 9 in E flat, K Z71); 11.30 Piers Burton-Page reads from Alejo Carpentier's Baroque Concerto. 11.35 Manier (Das Led von der Erde) (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 Your Concert Choice, with Paul Gunery Haydin (Symphony No 72 in D Philharmoria Hungarica under Antal Dorah). Bach (Vioên Concerto et A minor, BWV 1041: Monica Huggett; Amsterdam Baroque Orchestra under Koopmani:

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optim: Kung's Singers); Tartini
(Sonata In F. Op 1 No 2:
Locatelli Tno); Viveldi (Gloria,
RV 589: Solosis; John Alfdis
Chor; ECO under Neon)
2.30 Aldeburgh Featival 1991
isabelle van Keulen, violin,
Ronald Braufugam, piano,
perform Stravinsky
(Divertimento); Mozart (Sonata In C, K 403); Ravel (Sonata In G); Stravinsky (Due

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BBC 1

6.35 Open University: Using the Aggregate Demand and Supply Model 7.00 Introduction to Pure Mathematics (7620087).

7.25 News and weather (8273754) 7.30 Crystal Tipps And Alistair. Animation (r) (1606280) 7.35 Wiz. Bang. Early morning fun (s) (3592667) 7.45 The Jetsons. Spaceage cartoon family (r) (2541342) 8.05 Eggs 'n' Baker. Cheryl Baker's guest is children's poet Michael Rosen (s) (3544667) 8.35 reats. Feline cartoon adventures (r) (61 10822)

9.00 Going Livel Sarah Greens and Phillip Schofield are joined by the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police Sir Peter Imbert, actress Wendy Richard and, giving advice on getting rid of spots, Dr Aric Sigman (241358) 11.27 Weather (6615006)

11.30 Grandstand introduced by Steve Rider. Today's line-up is (subject to alteration): 11.35 and 12.55 Winter Olympics: The penultimate day's competition featuring coverage on the men's siziom and the third and fourth runs in the four-man bobsleigh 12.40 Football: a review of last week's FA Cup lifth-round matches; 12.50 News; 1.35, 2.05 and 2.35 Racing from Punchestown; 1.50 and 2.20 Bowls: the Midland Bank world indoor championships from the Guild Hall, Preston; 2.50 and 3.55 Rugby League: five coverage of a quarter-final of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup: 3.45 Football: half-time scores; 4.35 Final Score

5.10 News and weather (7492396) 5.20 Regional News and sport (3590396). Wales: (to 5.50) Wales on

5.25 Stay Tooned! Tony Robinson presents a selection of spooky cartoons (2840984)

cartoons (2840984)
5.50 Big Break. Jim Davidson and John Virgo are joined by Tony Knowles, John Spencer and Tony Meo for another edition of the snooker quiz show. (Ceefax) (s) (195483)
6.20 Noel's House Party. Noel Edmonds is joined by EastEnders stars Adam Woodyatt and John Altman and there is a Gotche Oscar for Timmy Mallett (s) (883613)

Timmy Mallett (s) (883613) 7.10 The Paul Daniels Magic Show. The magician is joined by two special guests from Kiev in the Ukraine, Galina Strutinskaya who combines dance with magic and the humorous illusionist Eveginy



Death in the family: the dishevelled Peter Falk (7.55pm)

7.55 Columbo: Try and Catch Me. Peter Falk stars as the dishevels detective, in this case tangling with a successful crime writer who believes that her nephew was responsible for the death of her niece. With Ruth Gordon (r). (Ceefax) (912342)

9.05 Moon and Son: Her Death Was so Sudden starring Millicent

Martin and John Michee, Gladys and Trevor become involved with a honeymoon couple and the Mafia. (Ceefax) (s) (941223)

10.00 News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Sport and weather (488667)

10.20 That's Life! Presented by Esther Rantzen. Includes a warning about a holiday nightmare and news of an elderly couple who lost their savings and homes. (Ceetax) (s) (564919)

11.00 Midnight Caller: Life without Possibility. The first of a two-part adventure in which Killian finds himself the unwitting channel for the protests of noting prisoners who have taken over a cell block with the guards as hostages. Starring Gary Cole. (Ceefax) (s)

11.50 Film: The Philadelphia Experiment (1984) starring Michael Paré and Bobby di Cicco. Allegedly based on a true wartime incident when experiments to make American battleships invisible to radar caused a boat to vanish. Two young sailors in the second world war slip through a time warp and arrive in 1984. Directed by Slewart Raffill. (Ceelax) (406087) 1.25am Weather (4516656)

BBC 2

6.40 Open University: What is Combinatorics? 7.05 Maths: The ornial Theorem 7.30 Landscape: Bodmin and Dorset 7.55 TV the Technological Impact 8.20 The Bielham Tubes 8.45 Information Technology — a Revolution? 9.10 Personality.

Development and Learning 9.35 Molecules in Space 10.00 Living Choices: Good Moves 10.25 Biology: Brain and Behaviour 10.50 Domino — an International Player 11.15 Changing Britain: A century of Change 11.40 From Child to Pupil 12.05 Caring for Data 12.30 Education: Signs of the Times 12.55 Pilgrimage: The Shrina at Loreto 1.20 Education for All? 1.45 Psychology: Two Research Styles 2.10 It's a Lovely Day Tomorrow 2.35 History: What is its

3.00 Mehabharat. Epic Indian drama. In Hindi with English subtitles

3.40 Original Rags. American plantet and musicologist Joshua Rifikin plays a selection of Scott Joplin's classics, including "The Entertainer" and "Elite Syncopations", in a concert performance recorded in Bristol in 1990 (s) (5449006)

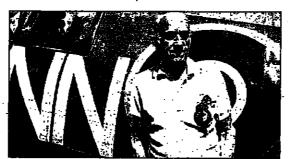
4.30 Bowls. Dougle Donnelly introduces action from the second day of the world indoor championship from the Guild Hall in Preston. With commentary by John Bell, Jimmy Davidson, Mal Hughas, David

McGill and David Rhys Jones (s) (1111648)

5.40 Lete Again. Highlights from The Late Show (s) (351919)

6.25 News with Moire Stuart. Sport and weather (391006)

6.40 Young Musician of the Year. Humphrey Burton introduces the second of two Mozart recitals given by previous finalists and winners of the competition. Paul Galbraith (guitar), Jonathan Rimmer (flute), Ruth Bollister (oboe), Suzi Meszaros (viola), and Caroline Dele (cello) perform the adegio and rondo, K617, and Emma Johnson (clarinet) and Ronan O'Hara (clano) join Caroline Dale for the Kegelstatt Trio, K498 (s) (301209)



Mistreated: Karel Mrazek, a veteran Czech airman (7.30pm)

7.30 Fine Cut: The Forgotten Men. CHOICE: "I did not expect they would welcome us as heroes neither did I expect they would welcome us with clubs in their hands." The Czechoslovakian airmen who fied their country under German occupation and fought alongside the Allies during the second world war, were not just torgotten by their homeland but cruelly mistreated. This shocking film shows how after the communist coup of 1948 the former RAF pilots were often accused of heiro cries and imprisoned or sent down the mines. The of being splea and imprisoned or sent down the mines. The programme is overlong and gains nothing by introducing melodramatic reconstructions of secret police interrogations and intimidation, but it is fascinating to hear the Czech veterans talking for the first time about their experiences. One returning "hero" even found himself sharing a prison with the German SS men he had been fighting against. (17754) 9.00 Moving Pictures. In the last of the present series there are

features on director Robert Altman, a New York policeman who advises Hollywood writers on the authenticity of murders on screen; and maverick film-maker Errol Morris (136613)

9.50 Olympics *92. Desmond Lynem introduces highlights from the

clay's action in Albertville (5095349)

11.20 Film: The Long Goodbye (1973) starring Elliott Gould as Raymond Chandler's world-weary private eye Philip Marlowe. While attempting to help a friend accused of murder, Marlowe finds suicide, blackmail and a beautiful woman. Directed by Rober Altman (942919). Ends at 1.15am

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ITV

6.00 TV-am (9281377) 9.25 Motormouth (77720174) 11.30 The ITV Chart Show. The Video Vault track is the Cure's "In Between Days" (s) (70464) 12.30 McDonald's Child of Achievement Awards introduced by Andy

Crane (79629) 1.00 News with Edward Stourton. (Oracle) Weather (53375342) 1.05

LWT News and weather (53374613) 1.10 Saint and Greavale. Ian St John and Jimmy Greaves preview tomorrow's match between Eventor and Leeds (3908754)

1.55 Snooker. Nick Owen introduces coverage of the Pearl Assurance British open from the Assembly Rooms in Derby (5649025) 3.15 Athletics. Jim Rosenthal presents live coverage of the TSB invitation from the new National Indoor Arena in Birmingham

suits Service with Elton Welsby (4149280) 5.00 News with Edward Stourton. (Oracle) Weather (3492700) 5.05 LWT News and weather (7480551)

5.15 10 Sharp! Pat Sharp's special guest is singer PM Dawn (7477087) 5.30 Baywatch. David Hasselnoff and his colleagues assist another bevy of bronzed beauties. (Oracle) (s) (747349)
 5.20 Beadle's About. Jeremy Beadle presents a compilation of the

"best" practical jokes he has played on unsuspecting members of the public (r) (860377)

Stars in Their Eyes. Lesse Crowther presents a new series of the show where ordinary people impersonate their favourite stars. (Oracle) (882613) . The Brian Conley Show. The first of a new comedy series starring

the man recently voted "Most Promising Artiste of 1991" by the Vanety Club of Great Britain (s) (590735) Murder She Wrote: Sheer Mystery. Angela Lansbury stars as the novelist Jessica Fletcher who travels to Texas for a family wedding and becomes embroiled in murder when the bridegroomets an untimely end (s) (193938)



Polynesian romance: Jason Connery and Vivien Tan (9.00pm)

9.00 The Other Side Of Paradian

■ CHOICE: This four-part mini-series set in the South Pacific kicks off with an episode that is disappointingly light on sunsets, waving palms and escaplet frolicking-in-the-waves scenes. There are, however, many beautiful people to delight the eye, with Jason Connery and his entourage of females all looking terrific in 1990s designer versions of pre-war fashions. Based on a Noel Barber best-seller, it's a slearny story of an English doctor (Connery), who arrives on a South See island, falls in love with two women at once, one a Polynesian princess, and confronts the superstitions of a native population in turmoil. So far the series lacks energy, but we are promised a hotpot of passion, murder and jealousy in future instalments, and Hywel Bennett is worth watching as the island's

resident cynic. (Oracle) (s) (8913) 10.00 News with Edward Stourton. Weather (759667) 10.15 LWT Weather (626990)

10.20 Aspel Meets Barbra Streisand. The Hollywood actress and singer talks to Michael Aspel about her new film The Prince of Tides (299193) 11.05 Snooker. The Pearl Assurance British open from the Assembly

Rooms in Derby (360445)

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Stem Tour of Duty. Drama about the traumas a group or American soldiers face during the Vietnam wer (8236875)
 Passengers: London. Martin Amis, Boy George, Sir Terence Conran, Bill Wyman, Helen Storey, Dawn French and Julian Clary endeavour to show us the alternative side to the capital (8983052)
 Wrestling. Professional WCW wrestling from America (8889743)
 Bhangra Beat. A look at the Asian music scene (85217)
 Stamerican College Football. Misml v Boston (800859)
 The Life Man and Her Disco news and music (2778052)

4.30 The Hit Man and Her. Disco news and music (2778052) 5.30 ITN Morning News (25217). Ends at 6.00

RADIO 3

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Aquament. Animated adventures (8258071) 6.25 Dr Snuggles (5555735) 6.55 Once Upon A Time. . Space (8037700) 7.25 The Complete Sider (r) (7510071) 7.55 Trans World Sport International sporting news and features (1912193) 9.00 News Summary (6557193) 9.15 Racing: The Morning Line (1372626)

9.30 Listening Eye. Magazine programme for the hearing-impaired (r) (99483) 10.00 The Big 8. Martin Duffy presents coverage of last year's wheelcheir basketbell tournament from Sheffield. Today's match is between the Oldham Owls and the LGS Jets. (Teletext) (s) (24754) 10.30 Filar: Bombers Moon (1943, b/w) staring George Montgomery.

An American pilot escapes from a PoW camp in Germany with a 18 Russian doctor and a Czech officer. Directed by Charles Fuhr (5174396) 11.50 Joe McDoakes (b/w) (3289938) (50006)

12.30 The Beverty Hillibities (b/w). Classic comedy charting the 21 adventures of a family of backwoods hillibities who strike it rich 24 when oil is discovered on their land and move to luxurious Beverly & Hills (8525103) Hills (6525193) 1.05 Film: It Always Rains on Sunday (b/w, 1949) starring Google Withers and John McCaslum. Thriller housewife whose marriage is

put in jeopardy when an ex-lover, a prisoner on the run, re-enters her life. With Edward Chapman and Jack Warner. Directed by Robert Hamer (73273006)

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2.45 Channel 4 Racing from Kempton Park. John Francoms introduces live coverage of the Tota Placepot Hurdle (3.00); the Mitsubishi Shogun Galloway Braes Trophy Novices Chase (3.35); the Racing Post Chase (4.10); and the Rendlesham Hurdle (4.40)

(43872338)

5.05 Brookside Omnibus. (Teletext) (s) (r) (4799938)

6.30 Right To Reply. Sheena McDoneid invites viewers to air their ideas about television. (Teletext) (s) (551)

7.00 A Week in Politics. Labour's Marjorie Mowlam discusses regulation of the City, why the unified business rate is losing the vote of shopkeepers for the Tories; and a look at how the government was defeated in the Lords over the council tax bill and I shour's dehate on the recession (5311)

Labour's debate on the recession (5311)
8.00 to 11.10 TV Heaven. Frank Muir introduces another evening of classic television, this week from the year 1974 (325803)



Small-time crooks: Bob Hoskins and John Thaw (8.05pm) 8.05 Thick as Thievas, Pilot episode of the cornedy by Dick Clement

and Ian La Frenais starring Bob Hoskins and John Thaw as smalltime crooks. (Teletext) (316808)

Fregan.

© CHOICE: "Get your trousers on, you're nicked". Detective Regan's first line is an indication of the gritty, humorous stuff ahead in this pilot programme for what was to become The Sweeney. Made in 1974, it stands up extremely well, with the 1970s period details proving interesting rather than next. As Regan, John Thaw never loses his dignity even dressed in a flared leather jacket and kipper tie. Supprisingly, it is not as violent as one represented and the property of the prope remembers, although there is some pretty nasty stuff implied, as when the baddie caresses the sharpened blade of an ice-skating boot while a minion cringes beneath him. Dennis Waterman provides a useful threatening presence as Regan's sidekick and Maureen Lipman shows up in a likeable cameo as the detective's world-weary girlfriend. (Teletext) (60455209)

10.35 This Week. focuses on the headline-grabbing activities of the National Front in the lead-up to the 1974 General Election (976990)

11.10 Court TV: America on Trial, The second programme in the series that shows the real American courts in action. Tonight's case involves a woman who is on trial for the manslaughter of her boyfriend. The core of her defence is that he subjected her to repeated abuse (s) (367358) 12.40am Film: Caged (b/w, 1950) staming Eleenor Parker. Prison drama

centred on the destruction of a naive, pregnant young woman by a jail's corrupt and sadistic immates. Directed by John Cromwell (921878) 2.25 The Word (r) (s) (3896897). Ends at 3.25

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10.00 Casch Me if You Can (1989). Matt Lattand stars as a drag-racer (28919)
12.00 Detta Fever (1987): Coming-d-ege drama starring Ton Eptin (53280)
2.00pm The Witching of Ben Wagner: A boy befunds a gid, whose mother is a witch. Starring Sam Bottoms (70342)
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2.50 Princese Academy (1986): Corredy about gris at a European Relating school (405987) 4.20 Worth Waning (1990): Mark Harmon becomes engaged to three women (964525). Ends at 6.00

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 6,15am The Asphalt Jungle (1950, b/w):
Convict Sterling Hayden plene a final helat (718087)
 8,15 Techno-Polics: Cartoon about two

(718087)
8.15 Techno-Police: Cartoon about two robot policemen (8771280)
9.35 to Peats Burning? (1968): All-eter epic about the liberation of Nazi-occupied France (ADSC/ASA) (40857484)
12.20pm Les Misérables (1925, b/w):
Adaptation of Victor Hugo's novel (858990)
2.15 Columbo Goes to College (1991):
Peter Falk investigates a murder on campus
1995790.

(185735)
4.15 They Might Be Glants (1971): George C. Scott is convinced that he is Shartock Holmes (21139290)
5.50 A Time of Destiny (1988): A Basque 460900000

5.50 A Time of Desamy (1909): A Basque girl slopes (4982529)
7.50 Sportlight (129349)
8.15 Dick Tracy (1990): Warren Beatty stars as the contic strip crime-fighter (53798939)
10.05 Internal Affairs (1999): Andy Garcia investigates the criminal activities of police-men Richard Gers (702193)
12.05am Black Raish (1999): Two New York detectives hunt down a titler in Ossica, Jacon (20088436) Japan (30968439) 2.10 Seven Hours to Judgment (1968): Legal drame (530762) 3.45 Cops (1990): Two policemen investi-

THE COMEDY CHANNEL Vis the Astra satellies.
 4.00pm The Lusy Hour (18848) 5.00 The Love Bost (8938) 6.00 Cer 54, Where Are You? (5735) 6.30 The Municest (8087) 7.00

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Abbott and Costello (7667) 7.30 Manier Mansion (2071) 8.00 Film: Three Fugitives (39087) 10.00 Comic Strip Live (41822)

trom Perth (5445613) 1.30pm Ford St. Report (68803) 2.30 World Cup Chicket England > Incite (2335523) 9.30 WWI Primetime Weetling (5790984) 10.45 8.00mm World Cup Chicket; West Indies of Pakistan from Melbourne (30323842) EUROSPORT

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2.00 Any Answers? 071-590 4411.
Jonathan Dimbleby takes listeners' calls on the issues raised in Any Questions?

2.30 Saturday Playhouse: The British Bulldog. The final play in a series of tregi-comedies, written by Christopher Denys,

about life in war-time Oldh

The regulars at The Wellin celebrate the end of host

in Europe (s)
4.00 Age to Age, with Barry
Cunlifie. Harold Shukman talks
about the tragic past of the
Ukraine, and Christopher Cook
delves into the multi-faceted

4.30 Science Now, with Peter

5.25 Fourth Column: Simon Hopgart and mends take a satincel look at life 5.50

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(FM only)
7.00 Morning Concert: Salien
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oboe Aurale Nicolet. Heinz
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Kenneth Silito). Dvorák
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C 3/3) Leoussy (Five Prelud Leoussy (Five Prelud Leous) (*)
9.30 Saturday Review (FM only), with Richard Osbame. Record Review — Building a Library: Bartók s Piano Concerto No 2: the future of FM, DAB and Nicam on radio Robert Philip's new discort expression. new discs of romantic orchestral music, 10.40 Record Release Donizettr (Lucia di Lammermoor excerpt Czech PO under Friedrich Haider with Edita Gruberová, soprano) Bach (The Well-Tempered Clavier, Book 2 — excerpts, Tabana (Octet in B flat. Op 78. Sebiné Veyer Wind Ensemble) Reger (Suite in G Op 131c No 1

Pletnev talks to Bryce Vortison Tensikovsky (Symphony No 6 Pathetique Russian National Orchestra under Mikhail Pletney! 12.55pm Words (FM only) The third of four reflections by . Lightman . I.00 News (FM only) 1.05 Haydn and Stravinsky (FM only until 1.20pm) BBC Symphony Orchestra under David Atherton performs

disabitata); Stravinsky (Suites Nos 1 and 2); Haydin (Symphony No 90 in C) (r) 2.05 Raffael Kubellic Recordings made by the Czech conductor with the Berlin PO during the 1960s and 1970s, Schumagn (Overture Genoverse); Decrék roous and 1970s. Schumann (Overture, Genoveve): Dvorák (Scherzo, Symphony No 4 in D minor); Grieg (Piano Concerto in A minor: with Géza Ande); Handel (Water Music — : socenoth: Beathers—

except); Besthoven
(Symphony No 3 in E flat,
Eroca)
4.00 Tuning Up: Heusmusik
performs Besthoven (Septet,
Op 20)
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6.45 Third Ophnion, with Christopher Cook: Peter
Corrad and Peggy Reynolds review Peter Stem's production of Peliéas et Médisande at the Welsh National Opera; Howard Barker's play A Hard Heart, and Graham Swiit's novel. Ever Atter
6.30 Variations, Blues and Ever After

8.30 Variations, Blues and
Concord: The planist Joanna.
MacGregor gives the first of
two recitals of American plano
music, Nancarrow (Prelude
and Blues); Ives (Varied Air
and Variations); Erroll Gamer,
transe: MacGreen (Blues)

transc MacGregor (Blues; Bounce); Copland (Variations) (r) 7.00 Benvenuto Cellini: Chorus of the Grand Theatre, Geneva; Suisse Romande Orchestra under John Nelson perform Berlioz's opera in three acts, Sung in French. With Chris Merritt, tenor, as Benvenuto Cellini; and Deborah Riedel, soprano, as Teresa. 8.30 Dr Paolo Rossi discusses the criminal career of Cellini. 9.00

Act 3 10.20 Howarth's Monologues; Goya's Duchess: The second of three poetic monologues by Patrick Howarth, Read by Godfrey Kenton 10.30 Plane Trice: Jess Tric plays

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Concenberg, an Steuermann
(Verklärte Nacht); Zemlinsky
(Trio in D minor, Op 3)
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Walter Weller performs
Mendelssohn (Plano Concerto
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RADIO 4 7.29 Kaleidoscope: More
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 CHOICE: Tales of epic heroism do not need fanfar They are all the better for being recounted with the matter-of-factness of en engineer describing the repair of a radio set. It was, in fact. just such an engineer during the last war who, grabbed by the RAF because of his rades expertise, found himself being parachuted with 118 soldiers on to a strip of German-occupied French coast with orders to dismantle and bring back to England a top-secret rader installation vital to-Bomber Command. Charlie Cox. One-time cingges Cox, one-time cinema

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6.25 Week Ending (s) (r)
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Robinson (s)

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